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# **Paylight**Rabbery

Rab C Nesbitt interview

#### Roy Hattersley

### The monarchy is a farce

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## purt challenge to Saudi's 'political deportation'

throw dissident is aimed at the Government had had be discretion in the decision. The deportation of Dominica, said he was prepared to fight the decision in the light Court is about Mr Mas'ari, but the continuous properties of the continuous proper of Dominica, said he was prepared to fight the decision in the High Court if necessary.

The prospect of a legal challenge came as news of the de-

Seumas Milne and lan Black

tion order against Saudi Arabia's most prominent dissident challenged in the courts, human rights and po-litical leaders pledged yesterday, after a government min ister admitted the decision had been taken to protect relations with the kingdom.

Claude Moraes, director of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, said his organisation was prepared to seek judicial review of the order against Mohammed al-Mas'ari on the basis of remarks made yesterday by the Home Office minister, Ann Widdecombe, and was taking legal advice last night. Mr Mas'ari, leader of the Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights, who has been given until January 19

portation order was greeted with outrage by opposition politicians at home and consternation in the Middle East But the Government appeared ready to brazen out the controversy with its un-qualified confirmation that the expulsion was primarily aimed at maintaining good relations with oil-rich Saudi

Arabia. Mrs Widdecombe denied that there had been any

was "complicating our rela-tions with the Saudis",

"If people come here and use our hospitality in order to attack extremely friendly gov-ernments with whom we have good diplomatic and very good trade relations, we have a very difficult balance to strike. On this occasion, we have concluded that British interests do require his

Mr Moraes said Mrs Widdecombe's comments exposed the decision to legal challenge because she had acknowl-

being "conducive to the public good", as required by the Immigration Act.

At a Westminster press conference, Mr Mas'ari said he felt "pity that such a great country has come to this level. It is like a very digni-fied businessman, working in the markets, his word is more

valuable than his signature—
and suddenly he gives up all
that reputation, all that character, all that dignity, for two
or three drug deals." He
added that the opposition
would continue its fight for

home affairs spokesman, de-manded assurances from minhad stuck to the law and the UN Convention on asylum and that Mr Mas'ari had been treated as any other refugee. Democrat peer and chairman of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, said he was "appalled" by the Govern-ment's decision. It had "given

way to blackmail". Ken Livingstone, Labour MP for Brent East - where the Saudi dissident leader has been based for the past 18

ficed to "suck up to the

The deportation order was greeted with alarm by other Arab opposition movements based in London. "The great British democracy has surrendered to the most corrupt regime in the world," the editor of an independent London-based Arabic newspaper said. Meanwhile, Tunisian diplo-

mats demanded similar action against Rashid Ghannouchi, a fundamentalist leader granted asylum in Britain despite his alleged involvement in terrorist attacks at home.

sion station to broadcast to Saudi Arabia. This prompted frantic attempt by the Home vision Commission to require consideration of Britain's national security interests.

Businessmen welcomed the "It was in the interests of the UK to try to remove a man who was abusing British bospitality," said John Grundon, of the Middle East Association, the leading trade body for the region.

# Market axing stuns

Lise Buckingham

ONDON'S future as a world financial centre was plunged into crisis last night after the Stock Exchange unexpectedly sacked its chief executive, Michael Lawrence, and blamed him for a loss of confidence in the market.

The announcement stunned the City, even though major stockbroking firms had been mounting a fierce rearguard action against some of the innovations Mr Lawrence was trying to introduce. They had accused Mr Lawrence of trying to move too quickly and ignoring their concerns. Modernisation of the Stock

Exchange is seen as crucial to London's attempts to main-tain its international role and draw business from the big finance houses around the world Mr Lawrence had been pursuing a strategy of alter-ing the way in which shares are transacted in London, bringing practice more into line with other financial markets. But the City's big battal-ions have spent hundreds of millions of pounds in recent years developing computer systems and training staff to work in the London stock market's specialised way.

The latest debacle at the Stock Exchange comes at a time when the City's main institutions are under increas-ing pressure. Lloyd's of London, one of three pillars of the Square Mile, is currently in a battle for its survival as it seeks to settle its differences with investors. The second pillar, the Stock Exchange, now faces turmoil with its leadership among European bourses potentially threat-ened. Only the third pillar, the Bank of England, stands reasonably secure, and it felt it necessary yesterday to move in senior executive sup-

port to the ailing Exchange. Recent changes to the rules governing share trading across the European Union have given a boost to rivals of the London exchange, such as Paris and Frankfurt. There is deep concern that if the London Stock Exchange lacks a coherent strategy, supported by its major users, its posi-tion as the world's third-larg-

est stock market behind New York and Tokyo will be seriously threatened

The Stock Exchange chairman, John Kemp-Welch, said a board meeting yesterday de-cided overwhelming that Mr Lawrence should go. He denied that any one incident had triggered the showdown and stressed there was no

question of impropriety.

It is understood that some members of the Stock Exchange board regarded Mr Lawrence as a "loose canon" who had failed to defend the market's reputation against recent maulings and had communicated ineptly the changes he wanted to make with its 350 member firms.

Mr Laurence's departure comes less than three years comes less than three years after his predecessor, Peter Rawlins, resigned unexpe edly after a paperless share dealing system he had tried to introduce was aborted.

An executive director of the Bank of England, Ian Plenderleith, has been appointed as a second deputy chairman to the Exchange.

The Stock Exchange is a major contributor to Lon-

don's foreign earnings, which in the first nine months of last year resulted in a surplus of invisibles of £5.1 billion. compared with a 69 billion deficit on physical trade. Earnings for the Square Mile in 1994 totalled 220.4 billion. Mr Lawrence, aged 52, for mer finance director of insur ance giant Prudential, stands to collect a golden handshake

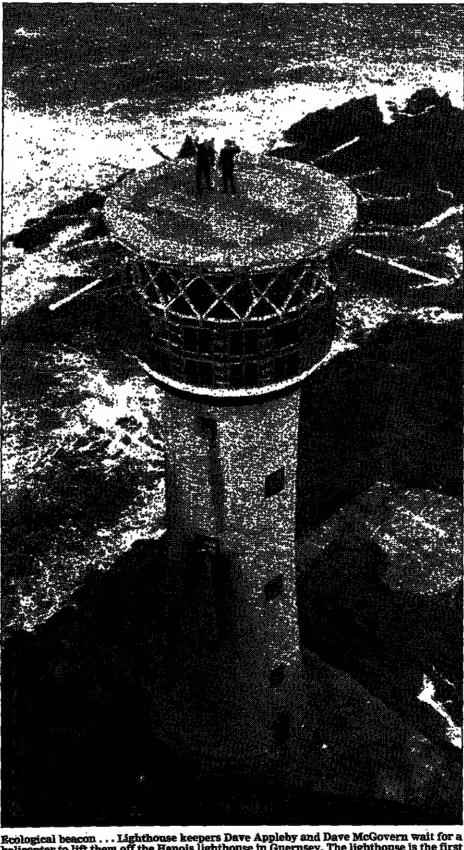
of about 2350,000.

Mr Kemp Welch said that an accumulation of incidents. had led to Mr Lawrence's departure. It is understood a delegation approached the Bank of England to sanction

his ousting late last year.

Labour's City spokesman,
Alistair Darling, called for a full explanation to prevent lasting damage to the City's reputation. He said the devel opment indicated "deeper trouble" than the Stock

Exchange was admitting. Stock Exchange officials de med they were brushing any-thing under the carpet and vowed to continue current policies, such as introducing a new order-driven share dealing service.



Recological beacon . . . Lighthouse keepers Dave Appleby and Dave McGovern wait for a helicopter to lift them off the Hanois lighthouse in Guernsey. The lighthouse is the first in the British Isles to be fully automated by solar energy

chip in a few observations along with its contribution

For one thing, there wasn't enough beer on the

screen. "More evidence of

beer is not just requested, but needed," Justus Kos. handling the sponsorship for Heineken, told the tele-

vision production company

"Less men drinking wine,

preferably masculine drinks like beer, whisky,

long drinks," Mr Kos

Care had to be taken over

was allowed into the

of at least £100,000.

## **Ministers seek waiting** list coup after blitz on **NHS** operation delays

**Waiting lists** 

ATTING lists for some hospital operations are being wiped out authorities try to clear queues before the general election. Ministers are confident they will be able to de-clare, possibly as soon as this spring, that no patient in England need wait more than a year for treatment of any kind on the National Health

mum 12-month wait has been set. However, all health regions are working fever ishly to clear their lists of patients who have been queuing longer, if necessary by send-ing them to private hospitals. As a result of the drive waiting lists for certain operations in certain areas have in effect been cleared alto-gether — with some experts

predicting that such lists will soon be a thing of the past. oversees waiting lists in the West Midlands, said yesterday: "There is no reason why there should be waiting lists in the NHS by the year 2000. We are absolutely clear on

A guarantee of treatment within 12 months would be seen as a vote-winning coup for the Government in the run-up to the general election. The health service consistently emerges as a top issue during election campaigns and treatment waiting times are voters' chief complaint. When ministers first addressed the issue in the late

1980s, one in four patients on waiting lists had been queuing more than a year and cases of up to 18 years' wait were discovered. A two-year maximum wait was ordered for England in

1991 and achieved by the end of the following year. An 18-month maximum was

set last year and has all but been achieved; by the end of last September, according to latest figures, just 43 patients had been waiting longer. Although ministers have

Brewer seeks to control the parts other sponsors cannot reach

But after seeing a record-ing of the first programme should be aspirational but Heineken felt obliged to not too much on the edge." | more cosmopolitan, less pasty-faced British studio audience for a programme audience for a programme which will also be shown in Italy, Germany, the Netherands and Irela "The audience for tonight's show is about 90 per cent black," said Wa-heed Alli, managing director of its makers, Planet 24 "You take the people who turn up, we don't even think about it.

explain, he has devised a simple technique which can improve even the poorest memory. What's more, it can even work like magic to give you added poise, self-confidence and greater personal effectiveness. Everyone owes it to himself to find out more

According to this remarkable man, anyone - regard-less of his present skill could, in just 20 minutes a day, improve his memory and

In Anglia and Oxford, which had 2.7 per cent wait-

ing more than a year, extra operating sessions on weekdays and Saturdays have been introduced in Bedford-shire, a ward has been reopened at Ipswich hospital and extra cash has been granted to the Milton Keynes and South Buckinghamshire districts to find solutions including using the private

In South Thames, which had 4.7 per cent, the region task force" which is concen-trating on problems in Brigh-

hospital in Middlesex. North Thames presents the Government's main headache. Last September more than 11,000 patients - 6.8 per cent of its total waiting list had been queuing longer than a year. Alone among the regions, it is reluctant to commit itself to achieving a 12 month target by the end of

March. A North Thames spokes man said: "We have asked the district health authorities to draw up action plans to move Continued on page 2, col 3

more than a year. The North West region had no such pa-tients and West Midlands and

## Why Does Your

## Memory **Fail You?**

target, inquiries by the Guardian show that all eight

health regions are working

towards it and seven say they will achieve it by the end of

The confirmed September

1995 figures, published yester-

day, show that 27,900 patients (2.7 per cent of the total English list) had been waiting

A WORLD-FAMOUS memory expert, who has trained industrialists. trades unionists, businessmen, professional men, salesmen, housewives and students to improve their memories,

once said: "Many people are embarrassed by a poor memory, and find difficulty in concentrat-ing, whilst others realise that they lose business, academic and social opportunities not only because they cannot remember accurately every-thing they see, hear or read, but also because they cannot think or express their thoughts clearly, logically and concisely. Some seek advice, but many do not, mainly because they believe their memories cannot be

Simple Technique

And yet, he went on to about this method.

Rapid Results concentration to a remark-



Forget names, faces?

able degree. For example, you need never forget another appointment - ever! You could learn names, faces. facts, figures and foreign lan-guages faster than you ever thought possible. You may be able to imprint whole books on your memory after a sin-gle reading. You could be more successful in your stud-ies and examinations. At parties and dinners you may never again be at a loss for appropriate words or entertaining stories. In fact, you could even be more poised and self-confident in everything you say and do.

Free To acquaint all readers of

The Guardian with the easyto-follow rules for developing skill in remembering, we, the publishers, have printed full details of this interesting selftraining method in a fascinating book, "Adventures in Memory", sent free on request. No obligation. No salesman will call. Just fill in and return the coupon on Page 6 (you don't even need to stamp your envelope), or write to:- Memory and Concentration Studies (Dept. MGM36), FREEPOST 198.

Michael Ellison

WREN Heineken wanted the perfect match-

maker for its lager and a youthful new market, it

could hardly have done bet-

ter than go to the television company which brought

you The Big Breakfast and

The Word (proprietor, Bob

Meetings were convened, deals done, and the beer

that refreshes the parts

others cannot reach be-

came the sponsor of Hotel Babylon, the "young and exciting" guests and music-show which starts a 52-

week run on ITV tonight.

suggeste

And one final thing: "There was a too-high pro-

Mr Kos was unable to elaborate yesterday be-

cause he was in "a big meeting". But Karel Vuur-steen, Helneken's chief ex-

should never have been

written. I'm shocked since

it's totally against every-thing Heineken stands for.

I assure you that proper

steps will be taken to pre-

When Heineken saw a the programme, I'm sur-Hotel Babylon pilot 12 prised that's all they com-months ago it asked for a plained about."

vent a recurrence."

ecutive officer, said:

portion of negroes."



"But it's completely un-fair to judge Heineken on

the basis of that fax. I

wouldn't work with a racist

company. Wait till you see

#### Sketch

## On the scent of a roll-over bundle



Lawrence Donegan

HAT is that smell?" The woman from Camelot, resplendent in a canary yellow jacket and televi-sual smile which insisted "this is all about caring causes", could contain herself

no longer. "Cash," she said excitedly. "It's the smell of money. Sixty million in used notes, isn't it

Actually, £60 million in used £10, £20 and £50 notes smells anything but lovely. It stinks, like a bag of dirty washing or a bucket of wet papier máché

It looks a bit more impres sive, mind you, which is no doubt why Camelot, the company which operates the National Lottery, brought a handful of journalists and photographers to an anonymous office building in North London yesterday morning for a quick peek.

Before taking us downstairs, a spokeswoman warned us all that there were two stars on show.

'Anthea Turner is here with her agent — he say's what she can and can't do. Anthea, according to the spokeswoman, had initially declined to sit on the bundle of

cash. The tension mounted as we were led through two great, green steel doors, a praetorian guard of security men and grey-faced bank workers sullenly fingering bundles of

At last, there she was: 13ft 6ins wide, 5ft 4ins high and 3ft 4ins deep, with a cardboard National Lottery logo stuck carelessly on to her side. No, not Anthea.

She, according to fashion observers, had been a vision in an orange crushed velvet She disappeared before we

arrived but not before putting aside her principles (what a

professional!) and agreeing to sit on the cash for the photog-

raphers.
"She was in smiley-smiley mode and not chat mode today," a Camelot spokes woman explained.

No-one minded because the real star of the show, the squat bundle of paper in the corner of the room, said more about this week in British life than Anthea Turner, Sir Isiah Berlin or Babe the amazing talk-

ing pig ever could.

For those who've been to Mars for their Christmas hols and came back last night, the rest of us are in the terminal stages of NLF (National Lotery Fever) due to the onset of a double roll-over jackpot of at east £35 million.

Northern bishops are foaming at the mouth with indignation, conniving Aussies have come down with Acute Syndication Syndrome.

National Heritage Secre tary Virginia Bottomley has been behaving like, well, like Virginia Bottomley.

"Nine out of 10 people are likely to play and my sympa-thies are with them," she be-musingly said on yesterday morning's Today programme (Keep buying the tickets,

If she has finally gone mad, who can blame her? Which of us has not stared dreamily through a filthy office window

days? NLF is a terrible illness but by far the worst strain is that suffered by Camelot employees, who have all signed employment contracts denying them the right to buy a ticket. Scratch any one of them,

poor souls, and they start spouting statistics like some deluded Dalek: "One and a half million, rollover, 60 million, 35, 22.5, 55 per cent, 133, exterminate, blah, blah, 3.8 billion,

exterminate . . ."
Saddest of all, they will tell anyone who is prepared to listen that Saturday night's draw (BBCI, 7.50pm, as if we didn't know) has "absolutely nothing to do with greed and everything to do with having fun and promoting good

Over the spokeswoman's shoulder, I swear I heard the 60 million quid sniggering at that one.

A policeman passes flowers on to Ian Erskine, twin brother of the youth killed when he went to his father's aid in a street row

## Youth beaten to death on mean streets of the 'other' Stratford

Vivek Chaudharv

ARELY 10 minutes' valk from th Shakespeare Company's theatres in Strat-ford-upon-Avon, a maze of streets makes up the town's largest and most notorious council estate. It has no official name and — in contrast to Stratford's tourist attrac-tions — is the territory of the

town's teenage thugs.
On Wednesday night those thugs went too far. Anthony Erskine, aged 19, was kicked and besten to death outside ened. This home on the estate's cando."

Woodlands Road after going to help his father, who was involved in a row with

war council estate it was a tragedy waiting to happen.
"We've had problems around here for years," said Sally Walters, aged 45. "There's a hardcore group of youngsters aged between 1s and 20 who have been terrorising the area. They vandalise things, abuse locals and are totally out of control. Most of us don't even go out at night because we are too fright-ened. There's very little we

Anthony Erskine lived with his parents Harry and Dorothy, his brother Gary, sister Natalie and twin lan in a two-

Anthony Erskine: 'A kind

Ian Erskine said his brother's murder had deand I were very close. He was a kind and gentle brother. loved by his family and friends. He was not violent. It's going to be hard to come Police said two men had

been arrested in connection with Mr Erskine's murder and were being questioned. While officers continued to make house-to-house inqui-

ries and appealed for witnesses, residents appealed for an end to the daily cycle of violence and abuse that has marred their lives.

One woman, pushing a pram on her way to the shops, said: "The parents of these children can't control them, sometimes they even join in. I've been abused, spat at and had stones thrown at me. I just hope the police and the council will end this violence after this tragedy."
On first impressions, the

area is anything but the archetyal rundown council estate. Most of the houses have neat front gardens with cars in the drive, and large green spaces provide ample play areas for children. People claim, how-ever, that there is a desperate shortage of youth facilities. Many protest that the council spends more time and energy developing Stratford's tourist potential than improving pockets of poverty in the

lives on Woodlands Road, skine was murdered.

**FINAL STRATFORD PERFORMANCES** 

said: "This area has been left to rot and no one seems bothered about it. A lot of the youngsters go round in gangs cause they have nothing to do, so they create trouble.

Police acknowledged that they had been aware of problems in the area around Woodlands Road. Det Supt Tony Bayliss, who

is leading the investigation into Mr Erskine's murder, said: "We understand then has been some trouble in the area. But it is not something the police have been called

As tourists spent yesterday afternoon visiting tea houses and taking photographs, Mrs Walters was rushing home before it got dark.

"People think of Stratford as really posh and pleasant," she said. "They come here from all over the world but they should come and have a look around here," she said. pointing towards Woodlands Pamela MacKenzie, who close to the spot where Mr Er-

## settles over walkout

Owen Bowcott

■HE comic and novelist. Stephen Fry, yesterday reached an out of court settlement with the producer of the West End play. Cell Mates, after walking out of last year suffering a nervou breakdown.

Duncan Weldon of Triu Proscenium Production been seeking £750,000 ages and legal costs play at the Albert was forced to c turely when

peared and too Continent But the fin settlement re only £20,000 tional £235,000 receive an bu' insurers who jaally unfit to conarming.

The hispute centred on Fry's health. Mr Weldon had manded that he be examined by his nominated doc-tors. But in a joint statement

yesterday Triumph Prosce-nium acknowledged that Fry was genuinely ill at the time. "Having had the benefit of expert psychiatric advice on the medical reports that Stephen Fry provided to Tri-umph," the statement said, "Duncan Weldon now accepts that Stephen Fry was too unwell in February to continue to perform in Cell Mates."

Anthony Julius, Fry's solicitor, said: "I'm pleased that the producers now accept he was too ill to perform. This closes the action."

The £20,000 is unlikely to

cause too large a dent in Fry's finances. Two of his books, The Liar and The Hippopota-mus, were bestsellers, and he had been working in comedy. on stage and in films non-stor for almost 14 years before he abandoned Cell Mates.

Since the debacle at the Albery, Fry has shunned the spotlight.

'He's concentrating on writing now rather than per-forming," his agent said. "He's completing a screen-play of the book 'A Confederacy of Dunces'.

And as though anyone doubted that undiluted goodwill now flowed through those West End proscenium arches, the joint statement concluded drily: "Duncan Weldon is pleased that Stephen Fry has recovered цу ко ге fessional career and wishes him well for the future.

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#### First night

## Where familiarity breeds content

Lindsay Quartet Wigmore Hall

DISTINGUISHED critic once suggested that performances and recordings of the supreme musical masterpieces should be rationed, so their unique qual

ities might be preserved. Hear a work like Schubert's C major String Quintet more than a couple of times in a year, so his argument ran, and there was the danger that it could be made to seem commonplace, could lose its quality of transcendence. That critic was writing long

before the explosion of the CD, and before there was such a bewildering choice of recorded performances of every work, the greatest masterpieces included. Now even the Beethoven string quartets can be heard at home in more than a dozen different versions. Once upon a time, too, a

cycle of the Beethoven quar-tets in the concert hall was a rare event, but this month London concert-goers have the possibility of hearing two complete cycles within three weeks. At the end of the month on the South Bank, the American Emerson Quartet begin their survey, and last night in the Wigmore Hall the Lindsay Quartet started out on their six-concert pilgrimage, running until January 13.

There is no danger, with the Lindsay, of familiarity diminishing the impact of these extraordinary works. No other string quartet active today more honestly responds to the quartets' multiple moods, pre-sents their world more com-

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

RARE bottle of cham-

pagne could be a vital clue in the hunt for the killer of

the French student Celine Fi-

gard, the detective leading the investigation said yesterday. He also said speculation

that she was the victim of a

always a comfortable experience — there are surface im-perfections in their playing but the honesty and musical

extra work, the piece that opened this first concert. The Quartet in F major, with the catalogue number of H64, is Reethoven's own arrange ment of his F major Piano So-nata Op 14 no 1. It is a seam-less piece of retailoring, in which the translations from keyboard figuration to string articulation have been joined invisibly. It was deftly played but the response was not quite as fresh and immediately inventive as it might be.

Police seek champagne

serial killer was seriously ter on December 29.

clue in Celine case

Andrew Clements prehensively and refuses to impose a glib stereotype on the music for cosmetic effect. Listening to the Lindsay is not sense are never in doubt.

Their project includes not just the 16 quartets but an

The major effort was being saved for the A minor Quartet Op 132. (Each of the Lindsay's concerts includes one of the late quartets — they will play the B flat Op 130 twice, the firs time ending with the Grosse Fuge, the second time with the substitute finale.) The jour-ney from the world of Op 18, with its origins in the works of Haydn and Mozart, to this totally new musical universe was a startling one, and their playing registered its sense of wonder — dappled with the tiniest expressive nudges and promptings in the faster music, drawn in fine, elo-quent lines in the slower sections, and with the great Hymn of Thanksgiving laid

out in a sequence of austerely sculpted paragraphs. This review appeared in some editions yesterday

hampering his inquiry.

Detective Chief Superintendent John McCammont told

Miss Figard had the Pascal

Chretien champagne in her

luggage when she was seen

boarding a white Mercedes lorry at Chieveley service station in Berkshire on De-

cember 19. Her body was

found in a layby near Worces-

## Depression scuppers trial

John Ezard on the illness that ended a blackmail case after 15 attempts to start it by an independent counsel-

was described as 'very unusual" and even upprecedented after it allowed him to walk free from the Old Bailey yesterday. But try telling that to the 1.500 members of Depressives Anonymous. Mr Wolfe, an alleged blackmailer, got so clini-cally depressed every time he was due to go to court that 18 months of attempts to bring him to justice had to be abandoned, the court was told. His case was listed 15 times. Every time the threat of a hearing was

sion lifted too. Peter Clarke, prosecutor, said before applying for the case to be dropped: "It's a forensic syndrome I haven't come across before on such a chronic scale."

lifted, Mr Wolfe's depres-

FFICIALLY, Michael But James, a first-name-only counsellor for Depressives Anonymous, recog-nised the syndrome. "It's happened to me. I tried to divorce my wife twice and she tried to divorce me once. Each time I was so depressed I couldn't go to court, so we're still married

thing to bring it on." The Crown Prosecution Service was eager last night

although we live apart." Pat Firman, the charity's secretary, said: "This pattern of depression is very common among manic depressives and reasonably common for ordinary depressives. A very serious court case is just the sort of

road for other defendants

to dodge justice. "Factors in this case make it highly

was taken after assessment lor and barrister. Mr. Wolfe, aged 49, for mer chief executive of the Herpes Association, was accused of demanding £250,000 from the Well-

come Foundation for silence over the alleged in-effectiveness of its cold sore ointment Zovirax, used worldwide by 33 million berpes sufferers. He allegedly threatened to publicise tests on the drug and complain to MPs

about marketing practices. The Recorder of London Sir Lawrence Verney, warned him the prosecution any further action against the Wellcome Foundation. Mr Clarke said: "I have no doubt Mr Wolfe's symp-toms in the days before trial are not feigned."

to scotch the notion that Mr Wolfe had opened an easy Mr Wolfe's counsel, Stephen Batten QC, said Mr Wolfe had always protested exceptional," a spokes- his innocence.

## **NHS** waiting reduced

Continued from page 1 towards reducing 12-month waits by March 31, but it would be extremely difficult to achieve a target of clearing those waits."

Some of the biggest cuts in waiting times are being achieved in the West Midlands. Mr Marchment, chief executive of the region's treatment team, said only 7,800 of the region's residents had been waiting longer than six months and he forecast that the number would be

down to "single figures" by the end of March. Waiting lists were in effect "at zero" for operations such as cataract removal and for investigative procedures such as endoscopy and orthoscopy.

A North West spokes months of joining a list, woman said "A patient now Critics also say waiting list need wait only a week or two in some cases.

In Scotland latest figures show that only 1,600 (1.8 per cent) of patients on waiting lists have queued longer than a year. In Wales, the figure is far higher at 5,100 (8.3 per cent). Scottish and Welsh health

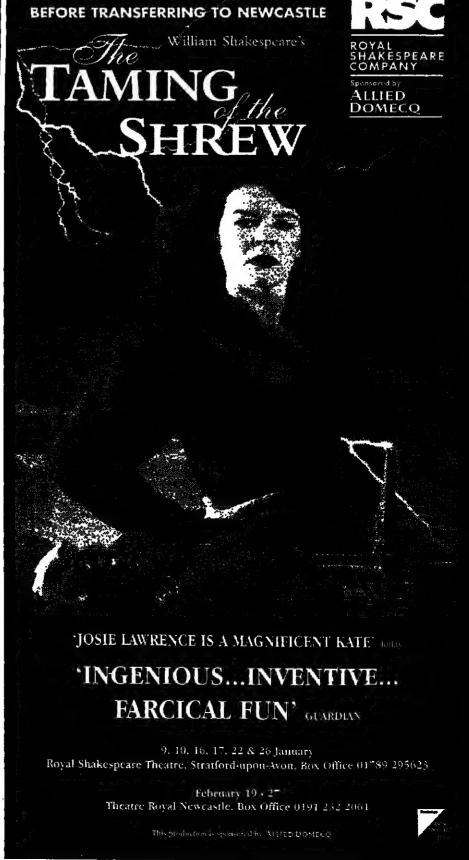
out to clear all those waiting a year or more. The obverse of improving waiting times is that the total waiting list remains at nearrecord levels, above 1 million in England alone, although yesterday's figures show that | taxpayer is footing the bill for

authorities are working flat

figures do not show how long it takes to get on a list - 17 per cent of outpatients have to wait more than 13 weeks for a first outpatient appointment and 3 per cent more than six months, according to official data.

The Labour Party today releases statistics showing that the value of health care bought by the NHS from the private sector soared by almost 50 per cent last year. from £393,071 in 1993/94 to £583,252 in 1994/95.

Alan Milburn, shadow health minister, said; "The 71 per cent of patients are a massive state subsidy to the being admitted within three private healthcare industry."



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## **Blair pledge** of free trade and low tax

ONY BLAIR will today tell the captains of Japanese industry that the only way Britain can fulfil John Major's ambition to become the enterprise capital of Europe is by first modernis-ing the country's educational system to make it the knowl-

edge capital of Europe. In a speech in Tokyo, the Labour leader will also seek to reassure potential Asian investors in Britain that a Blair-led government will be committed to free trade, global markets, competitive tax rates and tight financial

But Mr Blair will also use his address to the Keidanren the Japanese equivalent of the CBI - to launch the next phase of his modernisation project It casts New Labour as the champion of a socially cohesive, high-productivity "stakeholder" economy and society, distancing Mr Blair yet further from traditional socialism while outflanking Conservative advocacy of free markets and unavoidable

The dual commitment to an enterprise economy coupled with educational opportunity and social justice for those at the bottom of society — who are better educated and inte-grated in Japan than in Brit-ain. Mr Blair suggested drew savage attacks from ministers in London last night even before it was delivered.

Despite Mr Blair's commitment not to repeal the bulk of Tory trade union legislation, the Trade Secretary. Ian Lang, argued that his Far Eastern trip, coupled with Gordon Brown's visit to the US this week, would "jeopardise our immensely successful record in atracting inward investment" by raising the spectre of higher taxes, con-

stitutional chaos and the European social chapter. In fact, Mr Blair is seeking to sell a more subtle message to the so-called tiger economies of South and East Asia. whose commitment to social cohesion may make them more susceptible to Labour's message than ministers realise. On education, he will invoke the slogan "knowledge, infrastructure, technology" to extol lifelong access to educa-

nore creative approach. "A learning society, a country of innovative people is not a will say. In Singapore on Monday, as

well as in Tokyo, Mr Blair will stress that Labour aims to produce a high trust, cre-ative labour force and company sector in order to match the dynamism of Asian capi-talism. That would imply changes in company law promote more "stakeholding" - employee and citizen par-ticipation - along with the mitments by financial institueducation and training

He will tell the Keidanren meeting that Labour not only accepts the policy implications of globalisation — "I reject protectionism as wrong and im-practical" — but intends to turn it to Britain's advantage "Britain offers much; a work-force capable of adaptability and skill, acress to the EU's single market, the English language which we share with your largest trading partner, and commercial system.

"Under Labour, I believe it would offer more; a better educated, more skilled workstronger, more positive voice at the EU negotiating table and a macro-economy more conductive to sustained investment," he will pledge.

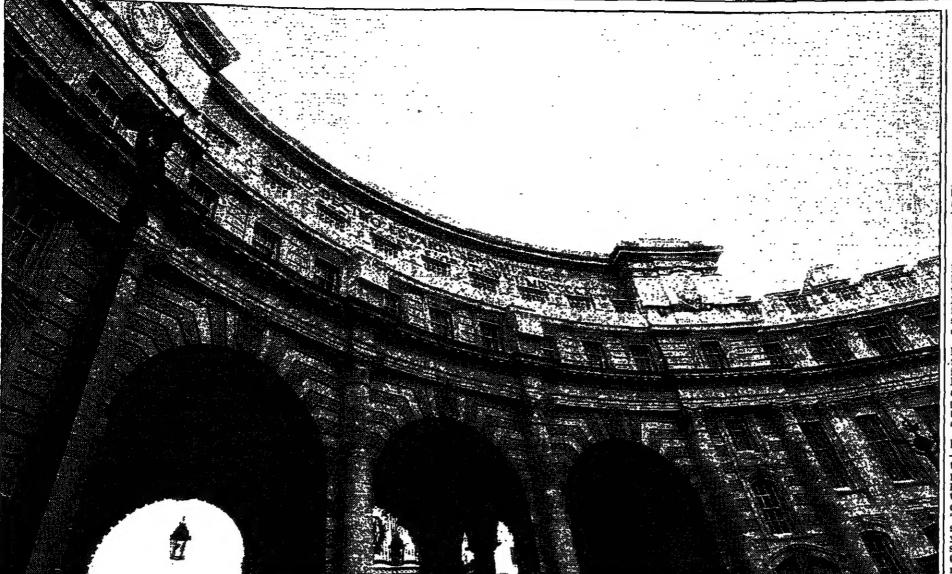
The speech also contains significant promises on tax regimes which will anger Tory ministers and leftwing MPs. "Tax rates need to be internationally, as well as nationally, competitive," Mr

Blair will concede. However, his message also contains a crucial acceptance that "with globalisation comes its offspring - insecu-

moral as well as economic. "I have argued that, in social contract between society and individual, in which rights and responsibilities are more closely defined, in which we grant each citizen a demand from each clear responsibilities in return.

"I would apply the same concept of a contract to the building of a strong economy. The successful form today works through partnership. Mr Blair will say.

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## Admiralty Arch sale spurs sea lords' fury

Admiralty Arch, Trafalgar Square, central London

This stunning Edwardian property of 135,000 aguare feet (including basements), is centrally situated among London's premier shooping illent views of the National Gallery and along the Mail (where you will find the neighbours discreet and charming). Bossting opulent tilities it was built in 1910 and has been very carefully maintained by the current owners who are rejuctantly selling due to straightened circumstances. One sitting tenant, the First Sea Lord. View by appointment (and security dearance) only.

£9.1 million (with garage)

NE of London's foremost landmarks, the Admiralty Arch which straddles the Mall leading to Buckingham Palace. could be sold as anything from an hotel to an art gallery. Ministry of Defence estate agents Knight Frank and Rutley confirmed yesterday.

But rumours that "Old Admiralty", the 18th-cen-tury Whitehall building where Nelson's body awaited burial, might go the same way, were denied by the MoD.

Admiralty Arch was built in 1910 as a memorial to Queen Victoria. Until last year it was used as offices by the Royal Navy and to provide a flat — in the former servants' accommoda-

opulent accommodation was the late Earl Mountbat-ten's father.

The current occupant, Admiral Sir Jock Slater, is among those who have been pressing for Old Admiralty's historic rooms to be preserved

One of his predecessors, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, said yesterday that the historic boardroom in Old Admiralty should be preserved for the navy.

Speaking for an earlier generation, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, said Admiralty Arch and Old Admiralty were intrinsic parts of Britain's maritime heritage, something he would have thought even "a little creep like Portillo" [the Defence Secretary] would understand.

the First Sea Lord. The first | McDonalds, or somebody | tage of London, and to use the original, more | like that", he said. | prominent position on

An MoD spokesman said the Old Admiralty building. used mostly by the Foreign Office, would remain in Government hands. And, in particular, it was expected that the Admiralty would continue to use the oak-panelled boardroom.

It has a full-length portrait of Nelson and a chart of the semaphore system by which messages could be sent to Portsmouth in 11 minutes.

Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, said the future of Admiralty Arch was in the hands of Department of the Enivronment's Property Holdings agency. He said government use had not been ruled out and, whatever happened, ministers would would understand.

The arch will "probably give full weight to its "important historical signifi-

prominent position on the processional route through the capital".

The estate agents Knight Frank and Rutley are to prepare an "options analy-sia". The options include office use, conversion into flats, and institutional use as a gallery or a museum. the agents said yesterday.

Conversion into a hotel was also a possibility. The private sector might be involved in some sort of "pri-vate finance initiative", but this would not necessarily rule out continued occupation by civil servants.

Disposal of the triumphal arch, built to a design by Sir Afton Webb, is part of a comprehensive MoD programme to reduce its accommodation in central London to two buildings. the main block in Horseguards Avenue and the old tion on the top floor — for | be bought by Murdoch, or | cance, its value to the heri- | War Office opposite.

technologies, and a broader. Littlejohn, page 9

## **Bugging row erupts in S Africa**

Police chief claims intelligence agency is spying on top officers

David Beresford in Johannesburg

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OUTH AFRICA'S police chief claimed yesterday that spies were snooping on his men in a bugging row that has drawn in the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) and Thabo Mbeki, the country's deputy president. He has summoned the intel-

ligence agencies and cabinet ministers with responsibility for the country's spies to an emergency meeting next week to discuss the "disturb ing allegations.
The meeting was called after George Fivaz, the police commissioner, said a listen-ing device had been discov-

on the home telephone of a key official in the force. Even more startling was his allegation that "former hit-squad commander Dirk Coetzee stated to a police officer ... that he was tasked by the NIA to spy on me and other members of the police top structure'

The NIA in a statement said Mr Coetzee, an apartheid-era security policeman who defected to the African National Congress (ANC) and now works for the NIA, "has never received instructions by the NLA to this effect". Sizakale Signashe, director

general of the NIA, and Joe Nhlahla, the deputy minister with responsibility for intelligence, said in a joint state-ment that the allegations were "unfounded, nonsensi-cal and mischief-making". Mr Coetzee denied any in-

volvement. "I am not in-volved in any investigation ered in the office of one of his provincial commanders and on police top structures. I was not requested by the agency to do any investigation of whatever kind of the police or any individual." he told state-owned television. "I have



Dirk Coetzee: former hit-

been involved in bugging offices or bugging phones in my whole life, This s another attempt to dis-

According to the police commissioner, Mr. Coetzee's disclosure that the NIA was targeting the police was made to a police officer investigating an apartheid-era political killing of a civil rights lawyer.
"I recently instructed that the murder of anti-apartheid activist Griffith Mxenge be re-opened after Mxenge's brother demanded to know why nothing was being done about Dirk Coetzee who had publicly confessed to the killing. An investigating officer then said to the officer that he had been tasked with investigating me and other top

Mr Fivaz confirmed that in addition to the two bugs which had been found some provincial police commissioners had "reported surveillance by unknown

Reports of in-fighting within the security services and, in particular, the intelligence agencies — the NIA and the South African Secret Service (SASS) - have been circulating for some time. Distrust has been almost inevitable, given that they were formed by the amalgamation of the old National Intelligence Service (formerly BOSS), homeland agencies and the ANC's intelligence



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#### Privatisation vouchers? That'll do nicely, say Polish prostitutes

WITH sub-zero tempera-tures making the streets of Eastern Europe's capitals ever harsher places to stand around all night waiting for clients, it is not surprising that the prostitutes of at least one city are seeking a longterm return from their shortterm engagements with

According to Polish state television, some call girls in Warsaw are accepting privati-sation vouchers in lieu of for 20 zlotys, about \$5. But cash. The vouchers give their they are worth nearly three

privatisation process.
"We just want to make money and the vouchers are a good investment," one of the

women told the news programme. If the sexual services index is any indicator of the success of the voucher programme, it is doing well Shortly before the New Year a voucher bought a quarter of an hour with a woman. This has now

shot up to 30 minutes. On proof of Polish citizen-

owners a stake in Poland's times as much on the grey! market Poles have always seemed

to embrace capitalist values with the greatest enthusiason of all East Europeans, but the status of the new privatisation voucher sets a record for liquidity of financial

Russia's voucher privatisa-tion scheme flared in and out of existence in 1994. Unlike the Polish system, Russian vouchers were distributed free to all citizens: At their peak, the Russian

are worth now. But Moscow conservative financially than Warsaw and it would have been hard to imagine a repre-sentative of a Muscovite escort agency bothering to take off her fur coat on the promise of attractive long-term investment opportuni-ties in Russian industry.

However, the many street kiosks dealing in vouchers and works suggested that at the time a significant number a more secure and reliable vouchers were being traded liquid asset with known and for more than the Polish ones tested qualities.



Las Vegas is a Disneyland in the desert, a place for pensioners, young marrieds and 12-year-olds with money belts. People look as glamorous as a National Express coach party to Bournemouth. They play at fruit machines on fixed budgets, are joined at the shoulder to their camcorders. It is not Gomorrah, but a cross between the Universal Studios Tour and Brent Cross.

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Shortage feared as recruitment drops sharply

## **Teacher training** 'to rise by 50pc'

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

HE Government is to increase teacher training by half, to avoid a serious shortage as fewer people join the profession and thousands

retire early. Anthea Millett, chief executive of the Teacher Training in some subjects, such as Agency, will today tell local maths and science. But authority leaders of plans to increase training places from 20,000 to 30,000 over the next

Her admission that the target was "challenging" comes at an embarrassing moment for ministers, who are trying to hold the line on teachers' pay, a key factor in promoting the image of the profession. The School Teachers' Review Body is due to report on pay in the next few weeks, and teachers are pressing for the Government to fund any rise

David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that without additional fund-ing schools would have to make more staff redundant. making the "crisis" worse. Applications for teacher

training have dropped by 25 per cent for science and 22 per cent in maths this year. teacher training places - 50 | teachers

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litical" statements.

URIOUS local authorities will decide next

week whether to cen-

sure the chief inspector of schools for making "party po-

Both Conservative and Labour members of the Coun-cil of Local Education Au-

thorities were angered by

comments from Chris Wood-

head, chief executive of the Office for Standards in Educa-

tion, in a pamphlet published by a rightwing think tank. He questioned the need for

local education authorities

and said schools were too de-pendent on town halls. His

well-publicised claim that

there are 15,000 incompetent

teachers in schools has infuri-

ated many teachers who

remain suspicious of Ofsted's

chairman of the Association of

Metropolitan Authorities, said that next week's CLEA meet-

Graham Lane, education

methods and approach.

per cent in secondary and 34 per cent in primary over the next five years — will be very challenging but it would be folly to reduce the standards of entry to the teaching proession." Ms Millett said.

She denied claims by both primary and secondary head teachers that there was al-ready a shortage, but admitted there were local shortages recruitment would have to be boosted to prevent a shortage

in two years' time. The 25 per cent dropout rate among trainee teachers would have to be tackled, and it might be necessary to restrict early retirement to avoid difficulties by the end

of the century, she said.

A recent survey found half of the teachers who lost their jobs last year took early retirement. A previous teacher shortage, in the late 1980s, disappeared with the recession. Ms Millett said an upturn in alternative job op-portunities could lead to probems in the inner cities, and the agency wanted to see more training centred there. It is not known how many teachers who have left the profession can be attracted

Ofsted chief 'politically

biased' on council role

Mr Hart said both ministers and opposition spokesmen timated the problem. "I don't think they under-stand the enormity of the teacher recruitment crisis we are facing," he said. The pro-posed increases in training places would merely keep pace with the rise in pupil numbers, and do nothing to

reduce class sizes. "It is a pay issue," said Mr Hart, who is calling on the opposition parties to unite to force the Government to fund teachers' pay fully. Nigel de Gruchy, general

secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said constant criticism of teachers made the position worse. "Who wants to join the ranks of the incompetents? All those attacks on teachers turn people off and lead to a bigger shortage," he said.

A serious split over pay emerged among teachers yes terday, as one union accuse head teachers of abusing public money by giving them-selves rises they denied to their staff. The Association of Teachers and Lecturers has tee on standards in public life, urging it to investigate. aining have dropped by 25 back, but these are likely to treather and 22 per be fewer in an economic upnt in maths this year.

"The expansion needed in there may be 400.000 inactive with only 5 per cent of class-

getting allied to politics and a

certain party — more than that, the politics are the Prime

Minister's rather than Gillian Shephard's [Education and Employment Secretary]".

Mr Woodhead denied that his pamphiet, A Question of Standards, for the Politeia

group, was party political: "Controversial it may be ...

My aim throughout is to iden-

tify the issues and explore the

arguments, not to plump for particular solutions."

Local authorities, however, rejected a call by the National Union of Teachers to replace

Ofsted with a system of school

inspections by local authori-ties. Mr Lane said: "I do not

of Ofsted to be highjacked by the future of Mr Woodbead."

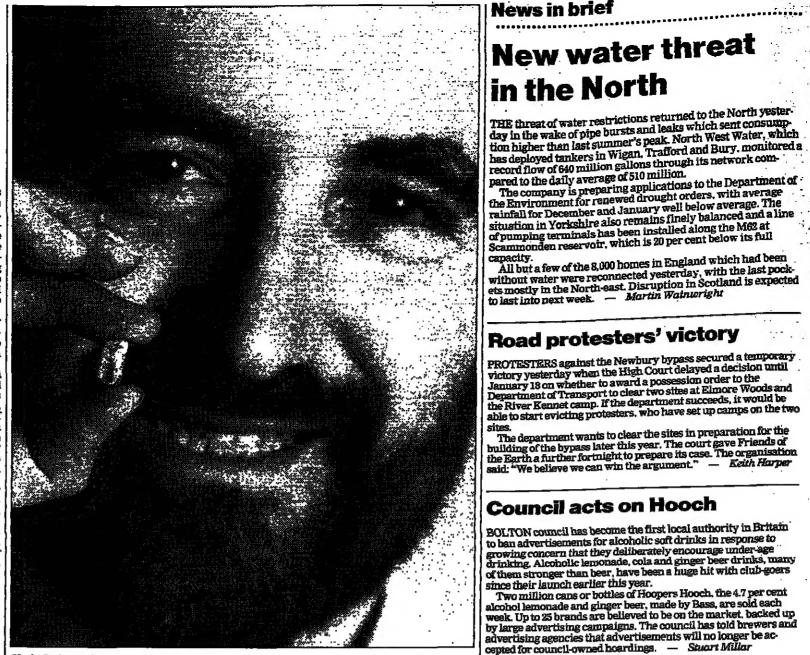
Doug McAvoy, NUT general

secretary, said Ofsted walked into schools and out, without

offering advice and help

which local authorities could provide. A national body like the Audit Commission should

oversee authorities.



Chris Stringer displays one of the teeth found at Boxgrove

#### teeth into Boxgrove man

DOXGROVE man — represented by two 500,000-year-old teeth and part of a shinbone found in a Sussex quarry — was definitely right-handed, writes Tim

vegetable material." Archaeologists from University College, London, have collected more than of systematic butchery of rhino, red deer, horses and other large animals at what must have been a spring on a beach in Sussex in a warm spell between ice

An Horizon programme will tell the story on BBC2 on Monday night.



An impression of how Boxgrove man may have looked

## Expert gets his

Radford.
There are microscopic cut marks running across the teeth, and Chris Stringer, head of human or-igins research at the Natural History Museum, where a small Boxgrove exhibition was opened yesterday, said: "He was holding something in his jaws, and cutting down with his right hand across the teeth: it could be meat, it could be

Stores warned, health and wages linked, and refugees now model citizens, reports Paul Brown at geographers' conference

## Supermarkets 'put British fruit growers at risk'

business by buying produce from the Continent, particularly France, the annual conference of the Royal Geographical Society in Glasgow

was told yesterday.
Sainsbury and Tesco,
named as the main culprits, were accused of abusing their powerful position and bully-ing the remaining horticultural industry into discarding local varieties and growing uniform produce.

Chris Woodhead . . . 'schools

Woodhead had "overstepped

the mark". It was dangerous

for someone in his position to

question the need for local

"The question is whether it

is appropriate behaviour for the chief inspector," Mr Lane

authorities.

ing would discuss whether Mr | said. "It would seem to raise

If supermarkets found that they had ordered too much, they honoured deals with continental suppliers and can-celled their British orders at the last moment, leaving producers to sell it at a discount local markets or

wholesalers. The importing policy by the supermarkets meant the acreage of fruit and vegetables under cultivation in Britain Caroline Dumonteil, from under cultivation in Britain years. The number of indethe science policy research unit at Sussex university, tween 1987 and 1993, and 20 from 55.000 20 years ago to

a firm contract for their 2,000 of them were regarded produce. rest were struggling to survive. Fourteen per cent of apple orchards had disappeared in the last year, even though English apples were the same quality as the

French.
The domination of supermarkets meant they took 60 per cent of the retail market, to 80 per cent in the next four years. The number of indewholesale markets — these had fallen from 150 main

wholesalers to 37 in 1995. Ms Dumonteil said the demands of supermarkets meant that produce was grown as if in a factory. Local varieties with their extra taste and flavour could not find a market. Produce was grown for uni-

formity and length of shelf life. A constant supply of thousands of items of uniform vegetables and fruit were required.

Research showed that because the French were orga-

UPERMARKETS are said that British growers per cent of growers had gone putting British fruit and putting British fruit and vere further disadvantaged out of business. There were provers this meant fewer a single marketing operation, vegetables cannot afford to because they were not offered now 11,000 growers, but only wholesale markets — these then supermarkets preferred buy it because of superto deal with them.

This meant that even if there were British growers capable of satisfying the desupermarkets would buy from the French.

Apart from the damage to the British economy of large unnecessary imports, there was no gain for the British consumer since there was no evidence of reduced price.

£100 pay rise for low paid

can hold key to longer life

market prices. What the rest of us are getting is a loss of variety and diversity from factory farming methods,' said Ms Dumonteil.

denial weapon was the only weapon we had," he said at a A spokeswoman for Sainsbury said that the accusations preview of a BBC TV series on the 1991 war, beginning on Sunday. "It has to be released at low level, and that is what we were trained to do." may have had some truth in them in the past but not now. The company had just concluded a supply contract with an apple orchard in Kent and General Sir Peter de la Bilfour further contracts with liere, British commander in the Gulf, says the RAF should

"We are doing our best to develop markets for British products," she said.

#### FLIGHT Lieutenant John Nichol (right), one of the Tor-nado air crew shot down and attacks in the Gulf war, yesterday rejected criticism of the RAF's tactics, suggesting even more aircraft might have been lost at higher altitudes. "We were attacking the most heavily defended [Iraqi] airfields, and the JP 233 runway have been quicker to switch to medium-altitude attacks.

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#### Woman froze to death

Siamese twin dies

THE surviving Siamese twin separated at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, London, in November has died, the hospital

said yesterday. Hussain Ammar, from Kuwait, died on January 1 as a result of pneumonia and an infection of the covering of his

The twins were separated on November 15 but Hussain's brother did not survive the operation. The twins were joined from the breastbone to the navel and their hearts and livers were

PAUL GRECIAN, the former arms dealer who first alerted the

intelligence agencies to the Iraqi supergun, will remain in a South African jail until an American request for his extradition is heard later this month. The Johannesburg supreme court rejected Mr Grecian's application for ball after the South African authorities

uggested that he could not be trusted to remain in the country. He was arrested on an Interpol warrant a month ago as he was about to join his South African fianceé for a Christmas holiday.

The US authorities allege he was involved in a bank fraud relating to an arms-to-Iraq deal for which he was convicted in Britain in 1992. The conviction was quashed in the Appeal Court

PATIENTS suffering from ME — chronic fatigue syndrome —

Three-quarters of patients given psychological therapy

returned to normal functioning within a year, compared to a quarter who only received medical care, according to psychia

trists and psychologists from Warneford Hospital and the John

**RAF** man backs Gulf tactics

improve more quickly if they are given psychological treatment in addition to standard medical care, researchers say today in the

Grecian loses bail fight

in November. — Richard Norton-Taylor

British Medical Journal.

captured during low-level

Doctors find ME hope

Radcliffe Hospital, in Oxford. — Chris Mihill

THE BODY of a Surrey woman was found yesterday after she had vanished from a party near Chobham on a freezing night. She died from hypothermia, a post mortem examination revealed. Sharon Hammond, who would have been 39 on New Year's Eve, disappaged from a cousin's hirthday celebration last Briday after. peared from a cousin's birthday celebration last Friday after telling family and friends she was going to the toilet. One of her shoes was later found on a cricket pitch.

Her husband, Colin, aged 39, said that she had been in low spirits on the night and had suffered depression for the last five years. "She was in a very low mood. There had been no argument."

— Owen Boucott

#### Vet's last note to ex-girlfriend

A VET gave himself a lethal injection after leaving a suicide note for his estranged girlfriend — wrapped up in a Christmas present addressed to her. The note from Ian Washbrooke, aged 37, was found by Lisa Dade when she opened the present two days after

is death. Mr Washbrooke killed himself by injecting up to 82 times the her washorooke kinen nunsen by injecting up to or times an lethal quantity of barbiturates used to kill horses, an inquest in Bournemouth, Dorset, was told. He was found on his bed on the floor were strewn photographs of his former girfriend. A verdict of suicide was recorded.

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## **Ugandan Asians 'have** become UK paragons'

HE 29,500 Asians ex-pelled by Uganda as des-titute refugees in 1972 have progressed from "pariahs to paragons" in this country, researchers say. They arrived with a £50 allowance from the Ugandan regime, and were sent to refugee camps, but 23 years later are model middle class citizens. mostly owning their own homes, Rina Valeny, of the immigration unit at the University of Wales in Car-

but were prepared to take any job and pooled family resources to buy businesses.

Far more, proportionally, were now self-employed than among whites — 26 per cent compared with 16 per cent. They owned newsagents, petrol stations, import-export

cade, and white men from 28 businesses and insurance. per cent to 28 per cent. Those who had become em-Even where the refugees To advertise in Ms Valeny said: "It is not a

The refugees were highly motivated and wished to regain the social status they had in Uganda. Many had been professionally qualified, but were prepared to take any white research where the social status are professionally qualified, but were prepared to take any white research where the social status are professionally qualified. white women, the comparable figures were 21 per cent in 1981 and 25 per cent 10 years later. For men the figure of Ugandan Asian managers had gone up from 25 per cent to 37 per cent over the same de-

> expectancy. had not done particularly well they had set great store by educating their children, than the poorest. seeing qualifications as an insurance against insecurity. More than 50 per cent of children had become professionally qualified including many lawyers, doctors and dentists.

case of rags to riches, but rather to a comfortable middle class existence."
The government had intended to disperse them over Britain but most had settled in London and Leicester.

ALOW-PAID worker can expect to gain an extra nine days of life Health and wealth The relationship between health and income, England and Wales every time he or she gets a pay rise of £100, say Average age of death in hous

Although the link be-73.5 tween poverty and poor health is well established. researchers who surveyed 9,000 electoral wards in Britain were suprised at the direct relationship be-tween small amounts of extra income and life However, even the richest person only lives an 15 25 20 average 17 months longer Average household income, £800s

The greatest gain in life expectancy is up to £15,000. Daniel Dorling, of Bristol university, said that al-though the figures were If your income went from nothing to £15,000 a year, you could expect to live an crude averages based on electoral wards, he was surextra 100 days. Getting a rise beyond prised how uniform the fig-£15,000 gives you only an ures were across England

extra four days for every and Wales. £100 additional income. In inner city areas of places like Birmingham, Beyond £21,000 a year, each £100 increase brings only Manchester, Glasgow and eight hours longer on your Newcastle, both personal

was shorter. The exception to the income-equals-health rule was in areas like Cumbria. Lincolnshire and Northumberland. The statistics gave the impression that in these areas poor people lived longer than average, but in fact the local economy (house prices, etc) was such that they needed less money to live well. The correlation between

health and wages also applies to health and wealth. Capital measured by equity held in their homes is also linked to longer life. In some wards the average household wealth was less than £100. For every £100 extra wealth, people could expect to gain a day.

Again, once a certain level of wealth had been reached the increase in life expectancy fell off. For example, once someone was worth £60,000, they only gained three hours' life expectancy for every extra

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## Companies piled on pressure to halt damage to Saudi trade

lan Black Diplomatic Editor

HAMMED al-Ma pelled to Domiof an obsession for the British as concern mounted over matic relations with the world's most powerful oil

Leading arms and aerospace companies, including Vickers and BAe, urged Downing Street, the Home Office, and the Foreign Office to take action, with MPs warning of redundancies if key contracts were lost be-

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cause of Saudi anger.
One influential industrialist said: "When people's constituency interests are threatened it is remarkable how quickly the moral argument disappears." Britain was the largest supplier of major weapons systems to Saudi Arabia from 1988 to 1992.

But many non-military firms feared problems too. In 1994, Britain exported £1.5 billion of goods to Saudi Arabia and sold £590 million of weapons to the Middle East and North Africa. John Grundon, of the Middle East Association, said: "It is sanctimonious to say this is all about the arms trade."

One exporter said: "Privately, a whole range of Brit-ish businesmen will breathe a sigh of relief. They have been getting extremely anxious about the situation.

"But publicly people will feel very uncomfortable. It's a reflection on the UK's new world position. If you look at Middle East is one of the few areas where we've got a visible trade surplus. Britain has to balance political principle against external trade factors. By and large there's no

As Whitehall struggled to deal with the Mas ari probtween freedom of speech and

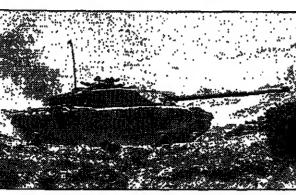
Balance of trade



great liberal principles we all live by in this country."

According to one source, just before Christmas the British ambassador to Saudi

Arabia, David Gore-Booth, was "wirebrushed" by the



condemnation of liberals and human rights activists.

Initially, the Foreign Office explored changing the asylum laws so that people seeking to stay in the UK would have to prove their presence was not detrimental to British interests. But this was deemed : legal minefield that could take years to cross.

Saudi Arabia itself lobbied long and hard, insisting it understood that British law and traditions were different from their own, but nevertheless clearly expecting some solution.

One regular visitor to Saudi Arabia said: "You've got to get inside their mind set. They don't understand how

known case of a contract that should have been awarded to a British company — a plan-ning consultant — going to a foreign competitor. Defence firms are especially worried about inroads by the French. The Government had other considerations too. Since ar

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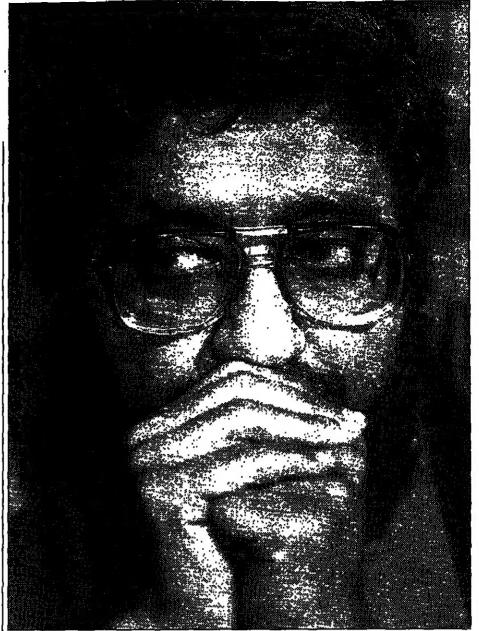
Threats had been coded and

riving here in 1994 Mr Ma-s'ari has become a beacon for a wider group of Islamic dissidents, giving London an unwelcome reputation as a cen-tre for militants working regimes friendly to Britain.

His Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights began recently to publish a bulletin in conjunction with an Algerian exile group fighting the military regime there, giving flesh to the idea of a fundamentalist international He also had plans to seek a licence for a TV station.

Saudi Arabia made no com-ment on the British move, but it and other Arab governments will be pleased with a decision they see as long over-

decision they see as long over-due after repeated representa-tions. Some will also see an opportunity for themselves. The tiny Gulf state of Bah-rein has protested strongly about the presence in Britain of several dissident clerics, while Tunisia complains repeatedly about Rashid Ghannouchi, the fundamenhere. Egypt is also lobbying hard over two militants of the eign Secretary, Malcolm outlawed Jihad movement who have been sentenced to death in absentia for involve-Saudi defence minister, non-specific, with only one ment in terrorist activities.



Mohammed al-Mas'ari at a Commons press conference yesterday PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SILLITOE

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## **Asthma cases** still increasing

Chris Mihili Medical Corresp

STHMA cases are continuing to increase, with the number of children suffering symptoms having doubled between 1989 and 1994, researchers say today. There have been sugges tions that the reported rise in asthma cases has been tailing off, and may have peaked in the 1980s, but doctors behind

the study say this is not so. Some unidentified common cause is probably responsible for the increase, along with that in other allergic illnesses such as eczema and hay fever. The researchers say this is unlikely to be air pollution, and may instead be a dietary deficiency of certain vitamins, such as vitamin C and beta-carotene. Maeda Omran and George

Russell, of the Royal Aber-deen children's hospital, ana-lysed questionnaires from 4,034 children aged eight to 14 from 34 of the city's schools, asking about symptoms such as wheezing, shoriness of breath, night coughs, and di-agnosed cases of asthma, eczema, and hay fever.

The unit made similar surveys in 1964 and 1989, and found a substantial increase in allergic diseases over the

ing Between 1989 and 1994, the proportion of children with a reported diagnosis of asthma roughly doubled. from 10 per cent to 20 per cent. Cases of eczema rose from 12 per cent to nearly 18 per cent, and hay fever stayed the same, at around 12 per

The researchers dispute recent suggestions that asthma and related wheezing illnesses reached a plateau in

the 1980s.
"Our study, performed on children in the same classes of the same schools during the same month as the 1989 study suggest that, at least in Aberdeen, the prevalence of childhood wheezing illness is

still increasing.
'Increased professional and public awareness of asthma might be responsible for some or even all of the increased diagnosis of asthma, but is unlikely to explain the increase in reported symptoms."

The doctors say their study was not designed to look for possible causes for the rise in numbers, but since they had also seen increases in cases in children in the Highlands we find it difficult to believe that outdoor air pollution is a

major factor".
They add: "We are inclined to support alternative hypotheses, such as dietary defi-The new study, published in the British Medical Journal, shows the rise is continu-

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#### News in brief

#### **Corruption inquiry** threat to SNCF chief

A CORRUPTION inquiry involving payments of at least \$212,000 is threatening Loik Le Floch-Prigent, who was appointed head of the SNCF French state railways only a fortnight ago to deal with the national strike.

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Judicial officials yesterday confirmed that his business affors while chairman of the state-run Elf petrol company were under investigation. The news coincided with a partial resumption of the national rail strike.

Mr Le Floch-Prigent's predecessor was sacked for failing to end the strike and before that the chairman was dismissed because of a series of rail accidents.

Mr Le Floch-Prigent is accused of receiving favours from the

leftwing chairman of a clothes' firm, Maurice Bidermann, whose premises were raided just before Christmas. Mr Bidermann's business was kept affoat with about \$100 million contributed by Elf between 1989 and 1993, but judicial officials have been questioning Mr Le Floch-Prigent's former secretary, who now lives in the United States, on possible business.

Mr Le Floch-Prigent said that he could justify the links between Elf and Bidermann and implied that his former secre-tary was taking revenge because she had been sacked. — Paul

#### Beijing warning to US

SLVO-US relations got off to a rocky start this year when Beijing advised Washington not to issue a visa to the vice-president of Taiwan or to interfere in Beijing's interpretation of human

Beijing stopped short of demanding the visa not be issued to Vice-President Li Yuan-zu, but said such a move would not be

Mr Li plans to attend the inauguration of the new Guatemalan president on January 14 and is believed to be seeking a transit visa so his aircraft could refuel in the United States, Taiwan

officials side.

On human rights, the spokesman warned the United States not to damage ties again by interfering. The United States has for five consecutive years introduced draft resolutions at the United Nations Human Rights Commission censuring China for human rights violations. All failed, although sometimes by a narrow margin. - Reuter. Beijing.

#### Tanks buildup in Liberia

HUNDREDS of troops from the Ecomog African peacekeeping force massed with tanks on a road to western Liberia where 130 fellow-peacekeepers are held by guerrillas, witnesses said

"The buildup is extraordinary. There are tanks and hundreds of soldiers with heavy arms and RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades)," said a journalist who visited the scene.

The 100 men are believed to be all Nigerians, who dominate the Ecomog force sent to Liberia in 1990 by the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas).

Guerrillas of General Roosevelt Johnson's Ulimo-J militia have been fighting Ecomog troops near Tubmanburg for about a week. The trapped 130 had been clearing mines in an abandoned iron ore centre across the St Paul river from Tubmanburg since a Liberian peace accord was signed in August. They became virtual human shields as Gen Johnson refused to allow them passage back to the capital, saying their departure would expose his fighters to attack by Ecomog. — Reuter, Monrovia.

#### Christopher to join talks

THE US secretary of state, Warren Christopher, was due to join closed-door talks between Israel and Syria last night, adding weight to reports that two weeks cooped up together in a remote Maryland resort has brought the two countries closer together. Mr Christopher was expected to join the negotiators for a few hours and to stay for dinner, a move seized on by optimists as a

Israeli officials said yesterday that the talks had revealed a new attitude on the Syrians' part. "We did discover a new measure of good will. of openness to reach an agreement in 1996," said Url Savir, Israel's chief negotiator at the talks, which began last week. — Jonathan Freedland, Washington.

## One-time followers of the Bosnian Serb leader are joining calls for him to be tried as a war criminal

## Karadzic - from saviour to scapegoat

Chris Hedges in Banja Luka

HE Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, is increasingly reviled and isolated among the one million Serbs be rules. Opposition leaders members of his own party have begun to denounce the war, and its conduct, with a ferocity that would have been unthinkable before the Dayton peace agreement.

In two new opposition magazines, and on army radio, Bosnian Serbs daily attack the self-styled president for the decline in their living standards, the loss of terri tory around Sarajevo, and their international isolation. As Mr Karadzic's grip weakens, there are calls within Serb-held Bosnia for him to be ousted and tried as a war criminal.

Mr Karadzic has long had outspoken critics in Banja Luka, the Bosnian Serb intellectual capital, but never have these voices had so much backing from Serb popular opinion. The president once passionately revered for his ruthless nationalism is now cast as a scapegoat.

The Bosnian Serbs have finally realised that you cannot build a dignified life on

the ideology of blood and ter-ritory." Miodrag Zivanovic, the president of the opposi-tion Liberal Party, said.
"Our main goal now is to take these war criminals, like Karadzic, and put them on trial The Bearing Sarks much trial. The Bosnian Serbs must punish those who carried out these crimes, otherwise, in the

committed in our name." The demonisation of Mr Karadzic has appeal across

eyes of the world, we will bear the guilt for the atrocities they

batch of 13, including two

SARAJEVO Serbs released 16 Bosmian civilian hostages yesterday, children, were returned a few hours later. They were seized in a Serb suburb on and the United States to defuse the first confrontation between peacekeepers and the former warring parties. | Christmas Day. — Reuter.

the political spectrum. US between a small political officials predict that Mr Kar-clique, led by Karadzic and adzic and the Bosnian Serb backed by the Serbian Orthocommander, General Ratko Mladic — both indicted as war criminals - will soon be removed from power.

The Dayton agreement wiped out Mr Karadzic's last political stronghold in the Serb suburbs of the capital. He has no real constituency left, and rarely ventures from his Pale stronghold.

"This has become a battle

for everything that went horribly, horribly wrong." The Pale leadership has back first, complaining of maltreatment. A second

long relied on paramilitary groups, such as those under the control of the notorious commander Zeljko Raznatovic, known as Arkan, to expel and murder Croats and Muslims living in Serb-held areas.

power slips, many around a war criminal, he can stand him are abandoning him, for election. dox Church, and the majority of Bosnian Serbs who want to build a Western, democratic state based on human rights hoping for a place in a new system," Mr Ilic said. "Those who remain are the war profi-

and free enterprise," said Mladen Ivanic, head of the Serbian Intellectual Forum, teers ... and the worst war criminals. These people know which broke with Mr Karadthat once Karadzic goes they will lose money and maybe zic a few months ago.
"Bosnian Serbs have not rejected the goals espoused by the Pale leadership, just the

their heads." It is too early to tell who

Sarajevo captives handed over methods used to achieve those goals. They blame Pale those goals. They blame Pale those goals. They blame Pale nosition leaders are consistent for the part of the part Karadzic steps aside. But op-position leaders are conperned that the speaker of the Bosnian Serb parliament. Momeilo Krajisnik, who they say wields much of the power in Pale, could emerge as the

strong man. Mr Krajisnik, a hardline member of Mr Karadzic's party, was one of the first to call for rebellion against the These paramilitary groups, along with the police, have emerged as Mr Karadzic's main support base.

"As Karadzic's grip on "As Karadzic's

"In many ways, Karadzic is now irrelevant." Mr Ilic said, The speaker is the real power now. His nationalist ideology will make our dreams of once again becom-ing part of the world community impossible."— New York Times.



Family portrait . . . A pre-war picture shows Irma Laplasse with her husband and children Fred and Eugenie at their Oostduinkerke home

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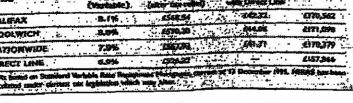
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## **Execution case stirs old furies**

Efforts to rehabilitate a Nazi collaborator | soldiers were approaching eastern front for the Gerthe outskirts of the town, the mans, and the southern shot for betraying the wartime Resistance could start a flood of compensation claims. writes Stephen Bates in Brussels

is threatening to reopen deep divisions in Belgian society between Flemish nationalists French-speaking Walloons who sided with the Allies.

The hearing, at a military court in the palace of justice in Brussels, centres on whether the execution of Irma Laplasse, a Flemish farmer's wife, was justified. She was shot after the libera-tion of Belgium for betraying Resistance fighters to the Ger-mans in the little seaside

But the ramifications go much further than the ques-tion of Laplasse's guilt, highlighting current tensions between Flemish nationalists and the rest of the country and reviving old furies about collaboration during the second world war.

If her conviction is posthumously overturned, thousands more collaborators who

CASE arising out of the shooting of a Nazi collaborator 50 years ago pensation with the help of the rightwing Vlaams Blok nationalist party. Although dozens were shot, many lesser collaborators had their passports confiscated or were not allowed to vote for de-

cades after the war. The case, which opened last month, will resume in two weeks' time and a decision is expected before the end of the

Laplasse was shot by firing squad in Bruges in May 1945 fter being convicted of betraying seven young Resistance members who had collaborators at a school the previous September while awaiting Allied troops.

Laplasse, who had supplied the Germans with provisions during their four-year occu-pation, told them where the Resistance group and their hostages could be found to

save her son.

Germans attacked the school, freed Fred Laplasse and his friends, and killed the young

Resistance members. They lie buried in the local emetery, while Mr Laplasse still lives in the family farmhouse outside the town, shunned by many people. He has recently appeared in local papers giving a Nazi salute and claiming Hitler did not go far enough in exterminating the Jews.

Belgium was divided in wartime between the north-ern Flemish, some of whom clumteered to fight on the



mans, and the southern French-speaking Walloons, who formed the governing elite.

The division was not clearcut, for there were Flemings in the Resistance, including a couple of those killed at Oostdunkerke. But the Vlaams Blok has allowed itself to be associated with extremist neo-Nazi groups which flock every year to a gathering it holds at Diksmuide.

The commemoration there is ostensibly for the Flemish troops killed defending Belgium against the Germans in the first world war but in recent years Nazi propaganda claiming that Hitler was right, denying that the Holocaust took place and demanding justice for victims like

Irma Laplasse - has been The Blok is the largest political party in parts of north-ern Belgium, including Ant-werp, the country's second city. It advocates repatriation

of immigrants. Tensions resurfaced last year when the King Baudouin Foundation asked for suggestions to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of

the war, to be met with Flemish calls that it should be forin their final act before Fred Laplasse ... Appears gotten and Walloon demands retreating even as Canadian in papers giving Nazi salute that it must be remembered.

## Blast ends a nuclear nightmare

The blowing up of a with nuclear weapons from ance with the Start 1 arms warheads have been head-Ukrainian silo today lifts a post-Soviet missile threat, writes **David Fairhall** 

HE Russian defence minister, General Pa-vel Grachev, will join his US counterpart, William Perry, at a remote Ukrainian missile site today to witness the destruction of a launch silo whose nuclear missileswere once aimed at the

The two men are in Pervomaisk to celebrate what looks like the happy ending politically unpredictable the countries of the former fields. ship Blastates emerged bristling | Soviet Union into compli- | Monthly trainloads of 60 | dispute.

Soviet Union. By geographical accident, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and

Bielarus found themselves inheriting a sizeable chunk of the former Soviet Union's nuclear arsenal. It included many of the "heavy" intercontinental missiles which particularly worried the Pentagon and some of the latest Blackjack Tu-160 bombers. But to everyone else's relief, all three states have opted for non-nuclear weapons status.

At today's symbolic ceremony, the Ukrainian de-fence minister, Valery Shmarov, and his two guests will simultaneously press buttons to blow up an

control treaty. The 1991 Minsk agree ment declared that all for-

Soviet nuclear weapons should be based in Russia, notionally under the control of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The last nuclear warhead for Kazakhstan's 10-warhead SS-18 missiles left for Russia last April. The SS-25 warheads in Biclarus are also believed to have been transferred, although there was a delay

last year in moving the 18 missiles, which Russia wants for its own arsenal. After much argument between Kiev, Moscow and Washington, Ukraine finally agreed last year to hand over its remaining warheads and to destroy its

of a nightmare, in which SS-19 ballistic missile silo warheads and to destroy its the newly independent and being destroyed to bring SS-19 and SS-24 missile

ing north ever since and yesterday Ukrainian officials said the programme was 90 per cent complete. The launch silos are being blown up. But 32 of the SS-19s are

also being bought by Russia "to help Russia maintain its nuclear potential". The Ukrainian deal also includes 19 Blackjack and 25 Bear bombers, plus 300 long-range cruise missiles. Although many of the nuclear weapons being abandoned are finding their way into the Russian arseral.

Moscow is committed to further drastic disarmament under Start 2. Gen Grachev said yes terday Moscow would in the next few days propose prolonging joint control with Ukraine of the 300-

ship Black Sea Fleet, still in

Republicans blamed as federal closures grow

## **Public fury grows** at US budget crisis

Jonathan Freedland

MERICAN frustration at the threeweek partial governshutdown turned into bitter contempt yesterday, as rising public anger threatened to exact a high political cost from the three leaders at the centre of the dispute.
President Clinton sought to

divert attention from the budget crisis — in its 21st day today — with an announce ment that he plans a lightning visit to US troops in Bosnia this month. But the public mood is becoming increas-ingly sour, as the failure by president and Congress to agree on a budget deprives millions of Americans of

The House speaker, Newt Gingrich, and the Senate majority leader, Bob Dole — the likely Republican challenger to Mr Clinton in November's presidential election — are desperately seeking to dodge the blame for the closure of kev agencies

The Centres for Disease Control, which monitor infectious diseases and prepares vaccines, has been shut down, epidemic in Nebraska could spread nationally. Federal

prisons reported that they are | lacking in the early years of running low on resources — | his administration. Republirunning low on resources — including toilet paper while federal courts, including the supreme court, have run out of money and may shut down as soon as Sunday. The US judicial conference

warned that jury trials will have to be cancelled, indict-ments dismissed and injunctions could go unenforced.

Along with nine government departments and dozens of key agencies, the judiciary

Congress demands Mr Clinton sign a plan to balance the budget within seven years. Democrats and Republicans have sought to blame each other for the crisis. "This is not our shutdown," a Republi-

has not received its 1996 allo-cation of funds — held hos-

But so far polls show the public blames the Republicans, who have struggled to shake off the image of bicker-ing politicians taking an ideological stand at the expense of Mr Clinton has benefited,

casting himself as the valiant defender of cheap health in-surance for the elderly and of spending on education.

Aides believe Mr Clinton

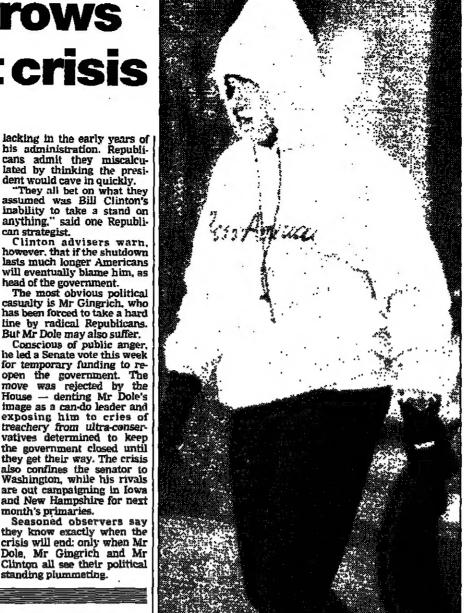
cans admit they miscalculated by thinking the presi-dent would cave in quickly.

"They all bet on what they assumed was Bill Clinton's inability to take a stand on anything," said one Republi-Clinton advisers warn

lasts much longer Americans will eventually blame him, as head of the government. The most obvious political

But Mr Dole may also suffer. Conscious of public anger, he led a Senate vote this week for temporary funding to reopen the government. The move was rejected by the House — denting Mr Dole's image as a can-do leader and exposing him to cries of treachery from ultra-conser vatives determined to keep the government closed until they get their way. The crisis also confines the senator to Washington, while his rivals are out campaigning in Iowa and New Hampshire for next

month's primaries. Seasoned observers sav crisis will end: only when Mr Dole, Mr Gingrich and Mr has gained by showing Clinton all see their political



Boy in the bood . . . President Clinton takes a break from

## Nafta hits Central American workers

Employees face the sack for organising unions, as countries vie for US business Juanita Darling in San Salvador writes

OR Rosa Maria Men-doza, 1995 was a year of struggle. For the first eight months, she struggled to meet her quota, sewing 4,800 buttons a day on designer shirts at the Formosa Textiles factory in an industrial park east of San

She struggled to survive on a £60 monthly wage, paying a babysitter to care for her three children and walking half an hour to work every day because she could not af ford the bus fare.

She struggled against ill-nesses brought on by drink-ing water from the plant's cockroach-infested cistern. and against the indignity of supervisors' curses in English she could not

In August Ms Mendoza, aged 24, decided to embark on a different struggle. Along with 86 colleagues, she joined

In October, they were sacked. When the union members tried to force their way into the factory to demand severance pay, all of the plant's 400 workers were

"They are punishing not only us but also innocent workers," said Ms Mendoza.
"Of course, we are innocent make us criminals."

But in El Salvador, as in many of the countries where contractors make goods sold under brand names in the United States, many employers consider forming a union a sackable offence. The near certainty that any effort to unionise will result in mass layoffs and probably the clo-sure of the factory has forced shop-floor organisers to look

Moreover, many Latin most closed down one of his American labour leaders are three factories, which employ convinced that offers of solidarity from US unions are part of a plot to drive fac-tories out of their countries. Some have given up direct efforts to organise in favour of outreach programmes to make workers aware of their basic legal rights, which they say many export plants do not

respect.
The situation is particularly difficult in Central America and the Caribbean. Export industries fostered by the Reagan administration's Caribbean trade initiatives have foundered as the Bush and Clinton administrations emphasised commerce with Canada and Mexico under the North American Free Trade

The activists were fired. This is a country where the laws are written but not enforced'

"This is what has happened within one year of Nafta." says Carlos Arias, whose company makes Van Heusen shirts. "In Guatemala, 120 plants are closing down. We have quotas [limiting gar-ment exports to the US]. We

pay duties."

Many manufacturers have decided that cutting labour costs is the only way to compete with the devalued Mexican peso and Nafta terms that will reduce Mexico's duties to zero and aliminate its quota restrictions over the next 15 years. That view has reinforced anti-union attitudes.

"The demands they make ensure that you will not be competitive." said Michael Patillo, the head of the Central American Sourcine Agency in Guatemala, a contractor that makes clothes for well-known US brands. would close down rather than allow a union into my

A year ago, Mr Patillo al-

Mr Patillo, who is from the maia for 12 years, was vulner-able to a unionisation drive

after losing a big contract.
To save the business, he had to find another custo The factory switched from making silk evening gowns and lacy bridesmaids' dresses to nighties and casual wear.

Mr Patillo tried to convince his workforce that they could make just as much money sewing quickly as they had sewing skilfully, but what they saw was a severe drop in pay and an increase in their hours. Previously, the seam-stresses had been making

about 25 a day, double what most factory workers earn. According to Mr Patillo, "the union identified some-body in the factory" who was angry enough to lead an orga-nising drive.

The way union activist Flor de Maria Salguero remem-bers the story is that her neighbour Virginia Aguilar was working double shifts at Mr Patillo's factory, and tak-

ing 500 grams of stimulants a day to cope. Ms Salguero offered to help her neighbour. "Five or six people who wanted to organise came to my office," she recalled.

"We began talking about what a union is, but the work-ers did not want to talk. They wanted to get an injunction banning Patillo from sacking employees or moving equipment, the first step in calling a union election in Guatemala.

"I felt we were going too fast. We got the injunction, but it didn't matter. They were fired. This is a country where the laws are only writ-ten, never enforced."

That was Ms Salguero's last attempt to start a union in-side a factory.

"We need these jobs," she said. "If we try to organise now, the plants will leave the country. We have already lost 14 factories to Nicaragua in the last month." - Los Ange-

News in brief

## Casualties stranded 21m reward to

BOUT 300 people from reaching the wounded, some of whom are severely injured. "There is very heavy. Sudan have gathered at a dispensary near the Uganda bor-der that has no drugs, no staff, and no equipment, aid workers said yesterday.

The wounded, mostly rebels from the Sudan People's Liberation Army, are in Labone, a Sudanese village six miles from the border and 285 miles north of Kampala, diplomats

in Kampala said. Continued heavy fighting near Labone could keep help

## find drug baron

up a reward of up to \$2 milheavy fighting around La-bone," said Filipo Ciantia, a mation leading to the convic-tion of the Burmese heroin spokesman for the Italian charity International Service baron, Khun Sa, writes Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in

The International Committee of the Red Cross will evacuate the wounded if asked. nese diplomat in Bangkok in-Rebels, mostly Christian and animist, in south Sudan sisted that Khun Sa. aged 61 who surrendered his bead have been fighting since 1983 quarters to Burmese troops could not be allowed to go for autonomy from the Is-lamic government in Khar-toum.—AP. free. But he has not yet been taken into custody.

## Pope to beatify | Drink clue to

THE Pope plans to announce the beatification of an anti-Nazi priest when he visits Germany this summer, the World Jewish Congress said in New York

old furies

The Rev Bernhard Lich tenberg, died aged 68 while being transported to Dachan in 1943.

Lichtenberg was a pries at St Hedwig's cathedral burning of the synagogues by the Nazis in 1938, he would close his evening ser-vice with a prayer for the

## anti-Nazi priest plane crash

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The Federal Aviation Authority intends to retest the forensic samples in the United States as promptly as arrangements with Colomated" an airline spo

Paper may close InfoMatin, which first appeared on French newsstands two years ago is likely to close after its owner, André Rousse-

let, said yesterday he was end-ing financial support. — AP. Portugal PM 'fine' Doctors found nothing wrong with the Portuguese prime minister, Antonio Guterres,

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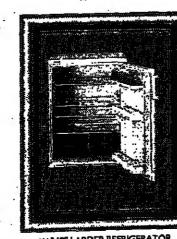
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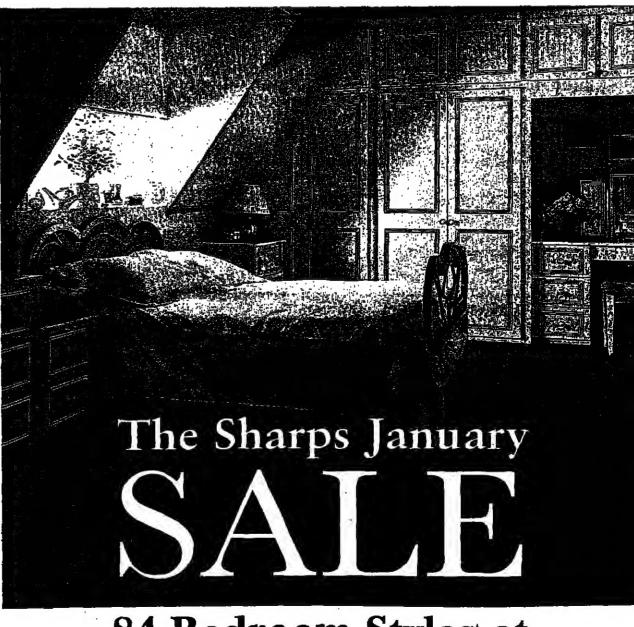


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## Giving in to blackmail

The handling of Mr al-Mas'ari has been craven

reason for deporting the Saudi dissi-dent Mohammed al-Mas'ari to Domi-openly, but her only alternative was to nica instead of considering his application for asylum. He has not breached any condition for political refugee status. It is not suggested that he is breaking British law or promoting breached the breaking British law or promoting breach of international law, though the terrorism. No one has cast doubt on his | practice has been expressly opposed in claim to have a well-founded fear of persecution if he returns to Saudi Ara- But the expected approach is for the bia. Indeed his application for asylum has not been examined at all: it has been refused "without substantive consideration of the claim."

The reason why Mr Mas'ari is being banished to a Caribbean Elba was set out with total clarity yesterday by the Home Office minister Ann Widdecombe in the following terms: "We have close trade relations with a friendly state (i.e. Saudi Arabia) which has been the subject of considerable criticism by Mr Mas'ari." Are Ms Widdecombe's listeners to recoil with shock and horror? So an applicant for British asylum has ventured to criticise this wholly undemocratic repressive state which has arrested hundreds for their political or religious activities and routinely inflicts cruel and inhuman punishment. How dare he! No, even Ms Widdecombe cannot expect such a response. There is no reason why applicants for asylum (or those granted such status) should refrain from political activity, so long as it is non-violent and is not illegal in Britain. Neither the 1951 UN convention nor the subsequent UNHCR guidance to states make any such stipulation. Nor can it be regarded as "selfserving" — a bogus performance to strengthen Mr Mas'ari's claim. He was jailed and tortured for political protest in Saudi Arabia and is continuing to protest in the same vein.

The answer, simply, is that the government is scared witless by the prospect of upsetting the Saudis. There was

THERE IS NO mystery about the real some surprise yesterday that Ms Widopenly, but her only alternative was to keep quiet. There was no other plausia recent document from the UNHCR. host country to consider an application for asylum, and then either accept or reject it. Instead Britain has refused consideration while, illogically, finding another country which will not only receive Mr Mas'ari's appplication but has promised in advance to accept it. The result is that Britain looks ludicrous and craven at the same time.

The blatant admission of a political motive behind this decision may strengthen Mr Mas'ari's case for appeal or judicial review. The nature of Mr Mas'ari's views as an Islamist who advocates Shari'a law is beside the point — and not only because Saudi Arabia is already an Islamic state where the same law is arbitrarily applied. Asylum is not granted only to those whose views we applaud.

There remains the Government's appeal to self-interest of the narrowest kind. Protection of British jobs would be a more noble cause if it had been pursued elsewhere with equal enthusiasm to prevent the run-down of our manufacturing industry. Besides the linkage of trade and politics - normally opposed by the Government creates a dangerous precedent. Britain will be seen as more open to blackmail by trading partners who object to political criticism - and there are plenty of them. Nor do massive arms sales to Saudi Arabia do anything to promote a wider stability. Surely the lesson of the Gulf War was that the region needs fewer guns, more democracy.

### The police need better protection

But is CS gas the answer? Rigorous trials are needed first

Life has become ever more dangerous from the suspect from which they operfor officers on patrol. Few images have ate; the chance of disabling a suspect more graphically illustrated the dangers than the battered and bruised face of Birmingham police woman Vannessa Greening, who was knocked unconscious with iron bars by a gang of nine teenagers when she was called to investigate a burglary this week. It is not just women officers. Her male colleague needed six stitches to a deep cut on his left arm. Police claim 18,000 injuries were suffered by officers last year - in a force of only 125,000. Not all these injuries were inflicted by criminals. Some were caused by the mentally ill. left on the street to look after their own drug stabilisation programmes. If we want police officers to walk around and deal with unpredictable and violent people at close quarters, then there is a responsibility to provide them with the right tools. But are pepper or CS gas sprays the right tools?

Sir Ronald Hadfield, Chief Constable of West Midlands police, believes they are - particularly pepper sprays which disable people almost immediately. Sir Roger's anger is understandable. Four of his officers have been attacked by two separate gangs this week. The current technology used by the police is far from modern - batons go back to medieval times, even if the longhandled version is a new American import: handcuffs go back decades; ditto the gun. There are some obvious advantages to modern sprays: the speed | based on evidence, not ideology.

WHO would want to police our streets? with which they work; the distance without the serious injury that batons or guns can produce.

So why hesitate? There are several reasons. Trials with CS sprays began last year but were halted when a police instructor needed hospital treatment for burns to his eyes after being sprayed by the gas. Pepper gas has even greater health hazards as even Ann Widdecombe, the robust Home Office minister has conceded. The police themselves were horrified by a pepper spray demonstration at a chief officers' conference two years ago when a volunteer officer acted as guinea pig and was put in a terrible state. Sprays will be one further step towards a more militaristic police. They pose a serious public relations problem if - as will be inevitable - they are used by mistake against civilians. There is a genuine danger of the police further isolating themselves from the community they are there to serve. No police force can operate without community support.

Police chiefs are expected to approve the reopening of CS spray trials at a meeting later this month. That's understandable. But let them be genuine trials, properly monitored and assessed. Let there be proper analysis of the occasions where the sprays are misued and the reaction of the local community. The police should not need reminding that the best decisions are

#### **Mr Scargill breaks with Labour**

Don't write him off. His party could have more than nuisance value

was first floated by Arthur Scargill a not Mr Scargill but Tony Blair, whose few months ago. But there is now a continuing realignment of British poligrowing likelihood that a breakaway Socialist Labour Party will be up and running this year and - more important still - that it will contest many constituencies in the next general election. Would such a thing matter? That depends on the circumstances. It may not win many votes or any seats, but this SLP could be an important new part of the political landscape under a Labour government.

The putative party is routinely referred to as Mr Scargill's, not unjustly as he is by far the most prominent supporter of the idea, but at this early stage it would be wrong to stereotype the plan as belonging solely to the NUM leader and his coterie. There's an interesting debate going on right now on the periphery of left politics about whether to join the SLP. And in any byelection next month.

IT SEEMED improbable when the idea | case the real founder of the new party is tics is at last forcing many leftists who gravitated to the party in the Bennite era to reconsider whether Labour is really the party for them.

In an article in January's Red Pepper magazine, Mr Scargill proposes that the new party should be founded on May 1 this year and be ready to fight every seat in the coming election. This will seem fantastic to many observers. But with luck and intelligence the new party could one day become an occasionally significant alternative when the going gets tougher for Mr Blair and especially if proportional representation ever becomes more than a daydream. So keep your eye on Mr Scargill, and not just in the long run. He must soon decide whether to give the new party an early run in the Hemsworth



Letters to the Editor

## Fun, morals and money Veterans give their verdicts on Arthur's latest venture

Today programme describe the National Lottery as "great fun". I invite her to speak with some of the support agencies which have to address the fallout from the Lottery.

Is she aware that Gamblers
Anonymous has reported that
calls to its telephone helplines
have increased by 17 per cent
since the Lottery began? Has
she listened to those concerned that young people are becoming hooked on scratchcards? Has she spoken to those agencies which counsel fam-ilies with debt problems, exac-erbated by spending on the Lottery? Her remarks about the Lottery maximising the return to good causes do little return to good causes do little to safeguard the work of those charities which should not have to face the ethical dilemma of asking for Lottery money. Where is the provision for those organisations which, on moral grounds, will not apply to any Lottery funds? I trust the Heritage Secre-

tary will listen to the growing moral disquist at the huge sums on offer and set up an all-party inquiry to address capping prizes and reducing organisers' profits. Parliaent should revive the recom mendation of the 1978 Royal Commission that a Gambling Research Council be established and Camelot should make money available for au-thentic independent research. David Coffey. General Secretary

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Houses of horror

DURING the West case, we were constantly reminded by leading counsel for the Crown what a tiny, poky little house 25 Cromwell Street was.

These observations were made by Neil Butterfield QC (now Mr Justice Butterfield) and by

Brian Leverson QC and, if my

recollection is correct, Mr Jus-

tice Mantell endorsed the view.

It is interesting to contrast

such a view with the present

government guidelines for families seeking housing bene-

fit to meet their accommoda-tion rental. In essence, these

make it clear that a property similar to 25 Cromwell Street

is much too large for a family comprising a husband, wife and six children.

Can it be that our ultra-con-

servative Bar and judiciary are accustomed to such gran-

deur and space in their hous-ing needs that their perception

of space in residential property contrasts so starkly with that

Who are the liars — the con-servative Bar and judiciary, or

of the Government?

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Leo Goatley.

scene, says bishop as Lottery jackpot could be set to reach £40m, January 1) can afford a moral view because he doesn't actually feel the need

Clergy are not wealthy but they are part of the "comfort-able" top 40 per cent who might regard playing the Lot-tery as "a bit of fun". For people on benefit or low income, unable to afford holi-days, football, the theatre sometimes even food — and who dread bills, a Lottery ticket is an act of hope and optimism against the odds. As an ex-benefit claimant, I

know. We know that the rich live longer, are healthier and generally have fuller, happier lives. The Church should ad-mit this and address systemic poverty rather than the mo-rality of a game which ordinary people see as a way out of their plight. (Rev) Michael Rowberry.

Earlsdon, Coventry CV5 6LQ. As a representative of one of the biggest moneygrabbing, pseudo morally controlling, male institutions ever known, the Bishop of

93 Kingston Road,

fore shooting off about issues such as the Lottery.

Historically, the Church
has subjugated and controlled for its own ends. Christmas is a fine example of how a natu-ral pagan festival of seasonal

Soccer's chance to score big

Wakefield should reflect be-

WAS dismayed to hear Virginia Bottomley on the Today programme describe the National Lottery as "great the Bishop of Wakefield (Obsume). I invite her to speak scane, says bishop as Lottery in being and a set of rules and result in being and a set of rules. and regulations for "his"

worship.
Can I suggest that the Church change tack and, in-stead of worshipping a super-human being with magical powers and an omnipotent dad, they start deifying money? A "belief" system based on money is the only way they are likely to exert control again. Norman Jones. Digby Manions, London W6.

OBSCENE is a very handy word when discussing the Lottery but the truly ob-scene fact is not just the pre-posterous prospect of a single 230-240 million prize, it is the wholly unsatisfactory way the Lottery was set up. That the Lottery was set up. That the organisers should retain such monumental profits flies in the face of logic and justice and holds two (uncrossed) fingers up the public. Michael Burgess.

12 Clubs Lane, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 5HN. OUR readers must know Withat a systematic professional syndicate has been

operating on the basis of a very-short-odds bet for some considerable time. I refer, of course, to the shareholders of Camelot. (Cllr) Mick Williams.

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what happened to the Indepen-dent Labour Party (ILP) when it foolishly disaffiliated from the Labour Party after Ram-say MacDonald's betrayal and the formation of a so-called national government in 1931? Nye Bevan, then a young laftwing MP, warned that disaffiliation would confine the ILP to irrelevance. He told his wife; Jennie Lee, that she and her group would not influence British politics by as much as a hair's breadth. Despite this, the ILP believed it could replace Labour in the industrial working class areas, but it turned out otherwise; by the mid-1940s, most of the mem-

bership were only too glad to be back in the Labour Party. The Labour movement will look upon Scargill's foolish venture as an utter irrele-vance in British politics. David Winnick MP. London SWIA GAA

MM Howells MP (January
4) demands the "speedy expulsion" of Arthur Scargill,
drawing a parallel with the 10year assault on the Militant | Skinner, Ken Livingstone, Dr newspaper. How ironic. The five Militant editors were expelled with 121 years' Labour Party membership between them, just as Howells was joining from the Communist

Party! Tony Blair fondly refers to old Liberalism; Beveridge, Keynes, even Gladstone, as his inspirers. He should remember Liberalism's high-water mark. In 1906, anti-Tory ha-

WONDER if Arthur Scargill tred brought them to power, and others have considered swiftly followed by their decline. A similar process will take place with New Labour. Tony Blair has ended the federation — some called it the broad church - of organisations and opinions that used to be the Labour Party. This has big implications. It means that as New Labour becomes more monolithic, centralised and ideologically rigid, opposition to a Blair government will be reflected not so much bigger movement to a Social-ist organisation outside. This is already the experience in

Italy and Spain. It is why we support Arthur's initiative. Mike Waddington. Militant Labour Executive Committee, 3-13 Hepscott Road, London E9 5HB.

ARTHUR Scargill, whose views I strongly support, is making a serious mistake if he attempts to set up a new party. It will weaken the influence of those who will certainly remain within the Labour Party, including such fine leaders as Tony Benn, Dennis Alan Simpson, Jeremy Cor-byn and others.

A breakaway Socialist Party would delight the Conserva-tive Government. It would fail to win seats, yet might take away sufficient votes from Labour candidates to end their hopes in some marginal constituencies

Frank Allaun. 11 Eastleigh Road, Manchester 25.

A few wrongs of copyright

recent extension of European copyright to life plus 70 years on the grounds that it promotes international copyright harmonisation. This is pure humbug. Until the current legislation only Germany had a 70-year copyright term. In most countries, following the Berne Convention, the period of protection remains at 50 years. The battle now shifts to the United States, where vested-interest groups like the Ms Trevelyan's Writers' Guild noted (December 30), the upper classes are much taller than the workers. Were the are trying to get the term inofficals who set the present creased to 70 years in the name of "harmonisation with Europe". Clever, isn't it?

Whatever legislation is adopted in the US, it will come about after open Congressional hearings, and it will not be retrospective. Copyright ex-tension in Europe has proved

MMA Trevelyan (Letters, to be a textbook example of January 4) defends the the so-called democratic deficit in the EU and the easiness with which the broad public interest is overlooked. (Prof) Patrick Parrinder. 82 Hillfield Avenue, London N8 7DN.

> JOHN Porter (Letters, January 4) states that copyright works which are owned by legal entities are protected in perpetuity. In fact, the test is the life of the *author* plus 70, not the *owner*. The assignment of copyright to a company will therefore have no effect on the period of copyright protection. Should the author register a work's title as a trademark, however, that can offer potentially perpetual protection. Anthony Mosawi. Brown Cooper Solicitors, 7 Southampton Place, London WC1A 2DR.

#### A Country Diary

NORTHUMBERLAND: Deep snow here persisted over the in flagrante delicato as it snow here persisted over the holiday period. We have been kept busy filling the hay trough, so that the horse had ance when he exercised in the field, and breaking ice on water buckets. Unlike cats, which raise fastidious paws and complain on snowy door-steps, the dogs frolicked. We went to Kelly's wood on our stalking patch at dawn to check for marauding deer on the white turnips, which we facts, she says she is only try-ing to help the poor people and that, even if they don't know ewes next month. Flakes of it, she knows they really live snow drifted across the windscreen on the forestry track and rabbits scampered in the headlights over icebound ruts to sanctuary in the dykes. Every glade here is crisscrossed with wandering tracks and trails of wild creatures and birds. The bleak, bare branches of conifers have a pristine covering of snow, we might be 1,000 miles from civilisation. The turnip field is a small acreage in the lee of a plantation. We leave

where, we picked up five roe with our binoculars immediately. This visit was exploratory only, there was no intention to cull. So, after an interval (freezing cold in 14 degrees of frost) we showed ourselves and the little party of beasts melted away into the sanctuary of the forest. The field looked as though a herd of buffalo had been trampling, the deer had nipped tops of turnips, chewed others, jumping over two strands of wire to get at the food. The last beast, a fine buck, into the sanctuary of trees, was silhouetted against the pinkstreaked frosty sky as we watched him frisk nonchalantly over the wire, his white rump bobbing. The females are always the leaders where deer of every species are concerned. That foray turned out to be the easiest of this week - since then the marauders have become wary. This morning only two yearling the vehicle 100 yards away off the goodies.

and walk stealthily to our VERONICA HEATH

#### Joanna Trollope and her flawed fictional work

ary 3) that my "obscure" study of historical heights

may be used by Fifa to justify

enlarging the goalposts so

that more goals are scored. However, they will need to take care. When the British

codified the rules of soccer, we were among the tallest

peoples in the world. We are

certainly now much taller, but we have meantime been

passed by other nations,

which are wealthier and

healthier. Why should we set the standard, rather than the

gians, whose young men are

now about five centimetres

In addition, as Smallweed

taller than the British?

T strikes me as somewhat in cheeky of Joanna Trollope to accuse your correspondent of controversy over her inaccurate and insulting remarks about the residents of Aston Magna, Gloucestershire, I have a copy of her speech. She said: "Aston Magna . . . a truly dismal place, a grim straggle of scattered houses, many of them boarded up and with a population which is largely unemployed since the demise of the local brickworks and also significantly immigrant. It is a place where all the goings-on you are accustomed to associate with Moss Side

are commonplace.'

Having lived in Aston

Magna for nearly 25 years l

"dismal", the truth is that: cheeky of Joanna Trollope to accuse your correspondent of discourtesy in reporting the to be replaced with new houses by the local authority. • The population is not largely unemployed.

The brickworks closed 22 vears ago.

> There are perhaps a couple of families who are the descendants of Polish refugees who arrived after the last war. The Moss Side allusion is total rubbish. The police have confirmed one burglary in

Aston Magna in the last 20 years — a spade was stolen. Although this fracas can be regarded as a bit of a joke it

has unfortunately a serious side. Ms Trollope is a media personality; her remarks are know it rather better than given a spurious credibility. does Ms Trollope. Ignoring the Young people in Aston Magna nonsense about "grim" and will soon be applying for em- Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 OLA.

ployment, La Trollope's com ments have given them a false image which will not improve their job prospects. However, when the writer of fiction is invited to face the

size of the goalposts in 1883-

heights or of those of the

the working classes?

much shorter players from

Lastly, we are not only taller but also, probably, stronger. Should not Fifa also recognise this; perhaps

the pitches should be made bigger or the games last

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in a slum and behave as if in Moss Side. This, she now says, is a shock tactic all designed to tell "the Haves" to help "the Have Nots". Joanna Trollope has made a fool of herself. Her stupid remarks may have

caused people lasting damage. She should recognise she has made a foolish mistake and make a public apology and a donation on behalf of a "Have" to parish funds. G M Simon.

The Vintners House, Oxford St.

rity of manufactured catch-

ment areas - where children,

from, say, deprived neigh-bourhoods would be bused

each day to a leafy suburb

That was not, he concluded,

"politically practical". Cros-

land, equally, found the estab-lishment aroused by the

threat to its own schools -- and a cost for abolition to

make the Treasury cringe. He set out to slide around the

problem. Something called

"boarding need" was created. Thousands of children, we were told, might be better taken from their (perhaps

broken) homes and found

quota slots at Eton or Char-

terhouse. A saintly Public Schools Commission, under

the wisest of old birds, John

Newsom, was set up to quan-tify this need and produce de-

tailed plans. The wizard Wilson loved such bodies. They

consulted extensively and

with any luck, reported only when the moment for possible

reform had passed. So it proved with Newson. Cros-

land had departed: Labour

was stuck in a place of strife.

The public schools went on

ND NOW? It is almost

as though 30 years

had never happened. Blair's Labour would

their merry way untouched.

M concerned, yet again, for my friend Paul Johnson, He appears to be in the grip of so severe a oe in the grip of so severe a bout of writer's block that he is now relying on the Cypriot wine-waiter Taki-George to compose his Spectator articles for him. What elst explains the piece that appears under Paul's byline this week? "Major is constantly being praised." if this week? "Major is constantly being praised." it says, "by Matthew Parris, a self-outed protagonist of queerdom whom I think of as he Times Sodom Correspondent." This is not the spendent." This is not the sane and rational Paul we addre; the stylistic
whiff of Taki-George becomes unmistakable when,
having posed the question
"So why do the accomplish-So why do the queers like Major?", the article de-scands into pidgin English. "(h zat is an easy one," it goes on. "Ee make dem tink heees on zair side. Ee does

that to everyone." Gripped

by panic as his deadline ap-

oached, Paul must have called T-G and begged him

todictate 1,000 words down

the phone, which he hur-

riedly typed out and then filed under his own name.

tlat Paul Johnson has been

reduced to Britain's stenog-

Tagic to relate, it seems

N further worrying news for Johnson fans, mean-while, his status as the threatened by cricket com-nentator Trevor Bailey. Having told radio listeners on Wednesday that "Paul dams certainly can't bat" (se proceeded to score a natch-turning 29), Mr Bai-ley hit top form yesterday. What on earth did Hick have for lunch?" he mused. He's been twice the player ince then. He's confident, estined never to finish the entence, Mr Bailey was at his point interrupted. There's an appeal for IBW." said his co-commen-

NPLEASANTNESS has broken out again in the volatile world f brass bands. A member of he highly ranked British Nuclear Fuels Brass Band nas been suspended from competition. The man, whose name and instrument have been witheld, went ballistic at the result of the national finals in October, verbally abusing the con-ductor of the famous Black Dyke Mills Band. For bringing this noblest of leisure pursuits into disrepute, he has been banned from com-

ator, "and Hick is out."

ONFUSION enshrouds the identity of the stalker whom Madonna has been so reluctant to face in a California court-room. The name of the man accused of plaguing her, and of threatening to kill if she refused to become his wife, is Robert Hoskins. The Diary has been asked to make it absolutely clear that this is not Robert "Boh" Hoskins, the professional chirpy Cockney cheeky chappie who stars in the BT commercials. It is easy to understand how the confusion arose. Madonna's Mr Hoskins is famous throughout America for his hilarious catchphrase, "It's

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volte face since Little Gum Gum dropped his Selwyn, "Independent" has changed its name. It is now "the Independent". It very nearly became "an Independent", but staff sensibly e-interpreted the memo in which acting editor Charlie Wilson announced his brain wave with the words:
"From today, the indefinite article will be restored to the paper." And so to today's instalment of the Wit and Wisdom of Gentleman Charlie, which finds the fey Glaswegian address ing senior news executive Simon Kelner. "You should keep your mouth shut. When you keep your mouth shut, people only think you're a plonker. It's when you open it that they know

HE following sign. colour photo of a furry mammal by a malcontented wife, has been seen in the window of an abandoned central London shop. Wanted: sloth. Generally seen around the Great Titchfield area. Sleeps 18 hours a day. Totally useless animal. Answers to the name of Richard. Reward: if you find him, you can keep

ROM the world of commerce comes news of an exciting, threeway business merger - or, to quote from the understated press release, "a triple alliance more powerful than anything seen before in the industry". As its chairman buoyantly explains, "the traditional strengths of each company are now enhanced by two new components—synergy and unity of vision". The product the triple alliance will make is lubricant, by the way, and its name is

## No place for dreams itsusly maintained. There is no surging faith in comprehensive expansion. How could there be in a country. There is no appetite to find on the syllabus

#### Commentary

#### Peter **Preston**

DUCATION'S 30-year rule is iron-clad inexorable: what goes around comes around This week's burst of old Cabinet papers may, in most respects, appear the stuff of pre-history — Harold Wilson, George Brown, Rhodesia, the TUC. But time does not touch education. There the issues

Three decades ago, a abour Cabinet was agonising about comprehensive schooling — and, in particu-lar, the baleful havoc to the principle of non-selection wreaked by public schools. Education Secretary Michael Stewart — the grey man's grey man — was saddled with some manifesto chat about abolition. He murmured a few warnings and left for the For-sign Office. Enter one of the great political brains of postwar politics.

Tony Crosland, louche waistcoats, long cheroots and all, was the kind of Labour politician who seems to have become extinct: an intellectual, rather supercilious toff who could yet move policy mountains. He was the real

experiments cohesion. He laid but trouble came quickly the foundations for a revolution which, seven years later, shrink from the original puhad become so consensual, so utterly uncontentious, that a Conservative Education Sec-retary called Margaret Thatcher could set records for blending grammar schools and secondary moderns into a

comprehensive future. Crosland got so far because he worked wholly with the grain of public opinion. Selection wasn't popular. It was deeply, deeply revited. Labour may, after the war, have embraced the 11-plus as a neutral, quasi-scientific way of recognising ability ir-respective of a kid's social class. But, 20 years on, that which pronounced one child in five a talent — and four in five non-starters - had be

come political poison. Comprehensives offered two great boons. One was the apparent end of selection. All pupils from a single catch-ment area could have the same teachers, the same buildings, the same chance. The other was the greater good of social engineering. If children from every background could share the same opportunities in education, then class and privilege would surely drop away as friendships and experiences grew from a common

It was here, manifestly, that give the public schools a little financial discomfort, but they public schools got in the way. They were the preserve of a rich elite. Whilst they lie in the Vauxhall Conferremained, the full dream of a classless society could never be realised. Crosland, like maintained status — in a way that would make Newsom

whose educational standards are (allegedly) the laughing stock of the developed world? And where is the triumph of social engineering in a soci-ety (allegedly) more violently divisive than ever before? John Major, here, really does stand to the far right of Mar-garet Thatcher. He reveres grammar schools; he baits the hook for any headmaster minded to opt out; he will, next week, allow an overt return to the forms of tested or interviewed selection which blossomed before the invention of the 11-plus. And he does all this because he thinks it's popular, a vote winner, an election issue he

can work with. The huge English delusion —for the Scots are steadier in these matters — is that miracles flow from shifting the scenery we like to call our system. In one resounding way, there has been profound change — its unlikely hero, Kenneth Baker. A country where getting on for 30 per cent of schoolchildren now go on to higher education, a country touching European levels of university popula-tion, cannot possibly return to the grammar-school élitism where only half that number had a chance of moving on. Mr Major, blankly uncompre-hending, is spitting on the second great achievement of Margaret Thatcher. It is crass to look back to the supposed tranquilities of Rutlish School in the fifties and seek to recreate them — for Rut-lish then was an island al-ready eroded by public frus-

But how does New Labour - led by an old public schoolboy — move the clock for-ward? The hope — the best, fragile hope — is that it has learned something from the futile years of system churn. Comprehensive schools are the schools that most of our

politically impractical as ever. The transformation of society from a shared classroom continues as elusive as

runes of Cabinets past aright, the syllabus. It is necessary to give parents real choice. It is necessary to publish all the facts about schools which reasonably fit a questioning brief. It is necessary to let individual schools have individual specialities — like music or art — and thus to provide the chance for children from across a big city who have the talent (yes, by selection) to travel to them. It is necessary to have the framework for co-herent governance that local education authorities can still provide — but not to allow them to prescribe in onerous detail. And it is necessary on all battered experience to divide pupils by the apti-tude of set once they're under

the same comprehensive roof. This, by no chance whatso-ever, is already the essential Labour pitch. No systemic change mere fine tuning. Perhaps Tony Crosland would blow cheroot smoke in its face and think it the wreck of the future he planned. It isn't, after all, a system; just a compilation of differences. But as John Major launches into the past, seeking to recreate a system which failed utterly. there is a lot to be said for abandoning such illusions al-together. There is, at root, no such thing as an English education system. There is only a which makes education a little better or a little worse. No prizes for the current class of children have. There is nothing to be gained from their surveying the detritus of 30 abolition. But they cannot be years, for meddlers to come.

nirvana via a renewed attack on the public schools: and England north of the Wash would barely notice in any case. Selection by well-heeled suburbia, which defeated suburbia, which defeated down under



certainly won't be sorry to see the back of. It ended, as it began, on holiday with Tony, Cherie and the back of this time on the outback. kids, this time on the outback

Talk about pure relaxation. So as to feel totally on his hols, Tony had brought along just the basic minimum of close personal aides and advisers yours truly for tea and sympathy, in case the Tory-based media (and I exclude Mr Rupert Murdoch's highly pro-fessional operation from this general observation) chose to take a yuletide potshot: Jack Straw, for an endless supply of hilarious anecdotes and sheer good vibes; Robin Cook, for percussion (maracas, tambourine, occasional spoons) in the jam sessions; and of course the much-loved John Prescott, to lend a hand with the lug-gage. Together, we made a great team, and our evenings were spent strumming soul-fully under the beautiful big intoned the most recent long-term policy initiatives in D Minor that he had been penning during the day.

Most of the rest of the day,

we just schlepped out into the outback, found ourselves a nice-looking billabong, and let it all hang loose beneath the shade of an Ikea luxury sun-pelmet. On New Year's Eve. I brought along the hamper of greetings telegrams for Tony and Cherie and, after John had set out the sunloungers, I was granted the privilege of reading them out. "HAPPY RETURNS TO TONY AND GANG — STOP — DON'T DO ANYTHING I WOULDN'T DO — STOP — OR YOU'LL BE SORRY — STOP — RUPERT M' was the one we cherished. M' was the one we cherished

most.

But the new year is a time for looking back as well as looking forward, and some dreadful memories of 1995 in. "In 100 years' time," he returned to haunt me. In '95, I said, "I hope and trust that the right of respect to their launched the new top-quality this discredited Major gov-heirs and successors. The he-reditary principle is inconsis-Cheep2000", determined to ousted and a New Labour govprovide round-the-clock live coverage of the very latest in teenage fads, little realising would be compromised by the male-dominated company's Admittedly, there are still influential voices which actually encourage Britain to live bar running along the bottom in the past rather than the updating viewers on national present. And the existence of and international news a monarchy increases the ("RABIN KILLED BUT OASIS

PULP SET TO TOUR . . .) thus | me to reckon with."

depriving a generation thirsty for knowledge of any serious political and cultural news coverage. Thanks a lot, And what does the future

hold? From where I'm stand-ing, the prospects look pretty damn bleak. As the mid-90s give way to the mid-to-late

90s, the obsessive cry of "Me, Me, Me" has become the order of the day, and this solipsism has far-reaching planet, but in particular for me. I am regularly approached by the media to offer an "overview" on this decade or that. Later this year viewers will be able to see the on Auntie Beeb, in which I condemn it as a decade of 'avartos, self-aggrandisement and indifference to others". So much for the bleak 80s which followed hard on the bleak 70s as being one of the bleakest decades of this, the bleakest of centuries. And what of the 90s? So far, it's shaping into a pretty bleak era. For instance, as recently as February, 1994, I was asked to host my own chat show, "Bel's People" for Channel 4. Though the pilot was univer-sally recognised by me to have been a total success, the predominantly male, middle aged, middle-class Powers That Be refused to show it, describing it variously as a "shambles" and an "embar-rassment", which as you may know is tele-speak for "light years ahead of its time". And this seemed to me a peculiarly 90s vignette.

■E WERE sitting around that billa-bone Tony, Cherie, bong, Tony, Cherie, Jack. Robin and I, chatting late into the night about the haps it was Tony himself asked how we saw the world Big One. I was the first to stick my neck out. "The Information Superhighway, said, and everybody nodded sagely. These days, I find I'm mation Superhighway in conversation and in articles and "overviews". Everybody always nods sagely. In that way, it's a very 90s concept. Then Jack Straw chipped

ernment will be cracking down on the squeegee merchants who are plaguing our "Brave words, Jack — well done," said Tony, and we all

looked at Jack in admiration. We need visionaries like you in New Labour. Any other visions of the year 2096?" "I envisage a newer. gentler, softer, more concilia-tory Britain," said John Pres-MAKE IT TO NUMBER ONE... KEN SARO-WIWA
BECOMES THE KURT CO-BAIN OF 95... BREAK-Off a passing koala. "And if the control of the

## **Roy Hattersley** argues that recent royal tomfoolery is a mere symptom of Britain's chronic constitutional malaise, which is crying out for radical surgery

# About time we grew up

believe that, during the past six months, the monarchy has made itself ridiculous - easy but wrong. The monarchy (the institution, not the indibeen ridiculous for years. All that has happened during the past six months is that the absurdities have become embarrassingly obvious. Yet we go on pretending that its con-tinuation is essential to what the Duke of Wellington called 'our matchless constitution". A couple of years ago, at the suggestion of another newspaper, I asked a variety of admirals, generals and senior civil servants what real difference the creation of a republic would make to the State in which they spent their lives. They could not come up with enough exam-ples of change to justify a 1,000-word article. Britain remains a monarchy because of sentiment, inertia and the vested interests of a media which knows that Princess Diana sells more newspapers than Paul Gascoigne. The bonus of the past six months is the attention which has been focused on one indisputable fact. At the head of our state there is an anachronism.

members of the royal family are uneasily suspended some-where between Ruritania and the Chelsea Harbour Club. In consequence their existence is complicated by an under-standable attempt to enjoy the best of both worlds. In private they want to live their own lives. But they expect to be treated in public with the awe which is due to the Lord's Anointed. For some unac countable reason, politicians and editors join in the con-spiracy that all members of the House of Windsor are endowed with superhuman attributes. The result is an extraordinary paradox. The Prince and Princess of Wales have developed pretensions which, if not above their station, are certainly beyond their capabilities. People who ought to know better join in the pretence that they are intrinsi cally superior human beings. The existence of the royal family makes us all accomplices to the debilitating farce of its

So we are about to engage in a great national debate on the proper role for the Princess of Wales — a position which she is entitled to ocwhich she is entitled to oc-cupy because, 16 years ago, she married the heir to the ing ambassadors would include in their curriculum vitae. But at least we know on what her claim for preferment is based. It is impossible that harely comments on the to imagine what makes her Queen's decision to urge her public authorities feel an arbuildings him that his mother should had been intercepted by her however, it is the encourage ment of deference which does view that modern buildings no editor volunteered that ham Palace and that her let-



should be either pseudosical or Georgian pastiche. Citizens of a grown-up nation should feel no obligation to observe the conventions of a medieval court and counterfett belief in the royal family's

Yet the existence of a monthrone. That is not the sort of tend to accept, all sorts of qualification that most aspir- nonsense and maintain a discreet and obsequious silence when the appropriate res-ponse would be criticism. What sort of a free press is it husband believe that he is an | son to obtain a divorce? Had authority on architecture and the Prince of Wales sought therefore entitled to guide the anonymous guidance from nation's choice of style and the nation's agony aunts, design. Yet all over Britain, most of them would have told

view. No doubt Lord St John of Fawsley will explain that same malign agents of her the Prince's marriage is the Queen's business because she or not the allegations are justi-Queen's business because she has an obligation to guaran-tee the safety and continuity of the royal line. That is a judgment appropriate to the Habsburgs and the Hohenzollerns. And even they would have spoken to the unhappy young man. Why did Her Maj esty send the advice in a let-ter? Buckingham Palace cartainly has telephones. Does she, like her grandmother, regard their use as inappropriate to royalty?

We know that there are tele phones in royal palaces because the Princess of Wales referred to them in detail during her Panorama interview. She said on that wholly memorable occasion that her calls

fied, they amount to accusations of criminal conduct. For it is illegal to tap phones and to divert the Royal Mail from its proper destination. Yet the interviewer never questioned the charge or asked for it to be substantiated. The result of his deferential technique was a party political broadcast on behalf of the Princess's Party, and a programme which proclaimed that some people are so special that they cannot be cross-examined even about their most controversial assertions. By marrying into the Windsors, Diana Spencer acguired the status of protected tution which is rationally species. It is the silliness of the notion which offends. by subservience and senti-

which, long ago, abandoned the idea that birth alone is a qualification for anything, and look with amused contempt on the suggestion that some families can bequeath tent with the creation of either a genuinely mobile or a truly equal society — the only after-natives open to Britain if we do not choose to become a Victorian theme park. Admittedly, there are still

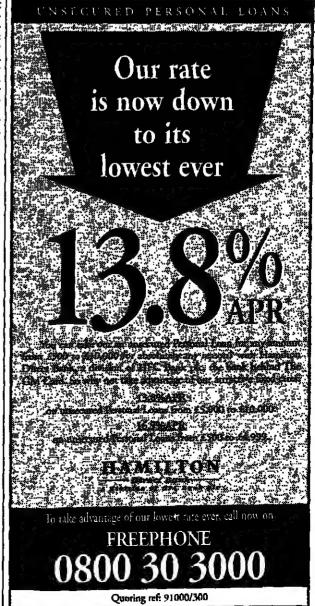
longs to those countries

temptation to look backwards towards our glorious history rather than forwards towards our uncertain future. In the old days, the story goes, we kept the sovereign's head on our coins, traded with the Empire on which the Sun never set and lived in the peaceful contentment that comes from everyone knowing their place in the commu-nity which had the monarch at the top of the bean. Those days are gone for ever and nothing could be more debilitating than the belief that in some way they can be recreated. It is a pity that we perpetuate the damaging nostalgla by constant obeisance to an institution which steam engine, the gas mantle and the colonial service. The attraction which it provides to transatlantic tourists is no compensation for the harm which it does.

NDOUBTEDLY the monarchy's attrac-tion is fading fast not because of the personal conduct of the royal family (which should be none of our business) but because of the institution's obvious incompatibility with the modern world. Apologists have been driven back into the old guard's last refuge — the claim that the alternative would be even worse. The nation is therefore threatened with the risk of having to choose between President Tebbit and President Healey. Neither of those gentlemen could possibly be presidential candidates in a form of democracy which maintained the executive authority of government and the legislative power of Parliament. The nominees would be either distinguished political neutrals or elderly nonentities.

If we were lucky, we would elect our version of Mary Robinson. More likely, we would choose someone who competently performed official functions but did so little else that few people could remember the name.

Either way, we would escape from our present abaurdity — an aspect of our consti-tution which is rationally mentality. Grown-ups would regard that change as an enormous relief.



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Elsie Osborne

For the

sake of

the child

LSIE Osborne, who has died aged 71, was quietly charismatic. She was

also one of the wisest of educa-

tional and clinical child psychologists, working at north London's Tavistock Clinic br

almost 30 years. There sae was course director for the training of educational psychologists and for many years headed the psychology disci-

pline. The Tavistock's distinc-

tive approach to educational and clinical child psychology training was shaped by Elsie's

leadership and has had a con-siderable international

Elsie Grayston came from a

large family and won a scholarship to Croydon's Koloma Convent High School.

the war effort, she trained as a signaller and worked on the

issue of false information to

the enemy and liaison with the Bletchley codebreakers. After brief postwar work of the Times, where she met her

husband John, she took i

# Nazi way to the stars

T THE height of his first career the production of V-2 rockets in Nazi Germany towards the end of the second world war, Arthur Rudolph who has died in Hamburg, aged 89, was technical head of one of the cruellest industrial slave labour establishments the world has known. When V-2s, technically beyond any existing defence systems. began to rain down on London in 1944, starving workers were guards at a rate of more than 1.000 a month at his Dora Mittelbau assembly plant. This was hewn at appalling human cost out of rock at Nordhausen in the Harz who offended the guards of the Mountains, after RAF bombunderground regime overseen ing had made production imby Rudolph, were gibbeted in possible at Peenemunde, near rows outside his door. the launch sites on the Baltic With Von Braun, more than 100 other German rocket sci-Braun, overall director of the

in exile in his own country. Most of the Dora Mittelbau labour force were political prisoners from the nearby Buchenwald concentration camp. There were Poles, French and British among them, but most were German and all were set for extermination. Those who were taken to
Dora Mittelbau may have believed they were being spared.
But the cruelty, disease and
lethal levels of toxic vapour in
the welding here. the welding bays — where few enemy hands, they workers lasted more than a be found and shot. month — were even worse than Buchenwald. Prisoners who died during shifts were simply stacked out of the way. ready to be trucked out when the shift ended. Many of those

entists and several V-2s, Arthur Rudolph' was spirited

just that Rudolph should die | cans in 1945. In the chaotic final weeks of the war in Europe, Wernher von Braun's brother Magnus, an explosives and propellants expert who had earlier studied under the Nobel Laureate Hans Fischer and who designed the make covert contact with the American army because the rocket team had learned that the German high command had issued orders that, rather than allow them to fall into enemy hands, they were all to

> After some hesitation, American intelligence believed this unlikely story and rounded up the cream of the German rocket team. The Russians, who had overrun Peene-munde and who were, in some in their understanding of the military importance of rocketry, were already rounding up those members of the team they could find. The later wry comment was that the Ameri cans beat the Russians to the

and the Distinguished Service Medal after the moon landings. He was a few years older than Von Braun and had be-come involved in rocketry rather earlier. Both had trained at the Berlin Technische Hochschule, but in 1931, two years before Dorn-berger had invited Von Braun to help him build up an engineering team at his rocket design centre at Kummersdortt, Rudolph had submitted a design for a warhead-carrying rocket weapon to the German military. A secret prototype had been built.
This was legally acceptable

Germans were better than the

This is not without basis

Arthur Rudolph's second

great career under the direc-

tion of Wernber von Braun

was at Huntsville, Alabama

as head of production for the

giant Saturn V rocket, which

carried American astronauts

to the moon in 1969. Until the

Russians dismayed American

cessful launch of Sputnik I in

1959, the American rocket pro-

gramme, driven by Von Braun

and Rudolph, moved slowly, crippled by indecision and inter-service rivalry. Post-Sputnik, the US programme came out of the shadows. The

genius of Von Braun and Rudolph then flowered.

Rudolph became a US citi-zen in 1954 and, like Von

Braun, was awarded the Con-

gressional Medal of Honour

military chiefs with the suc

Russian Germans.

Versailles Treaty restricted Germany's development of aircraft, tanks and warships there was no barrier to her development of rocketry. The weapons was grasped earlier and more completely by the Deadly legacy . . . a postwar view of the V-2 assembly plant beneath the Harz Mountains German ploneers, but

lants, control and guidance systems had still to be gained. The potential of Dornberger's vision, guided by Von Brau and Rudolph, was recognised by Hitler, and was assigned greatly increased support

Like Albert Speer and many others involved at a high level in the Nazi regime, Rudolph denied that he knew the full horrors of the concentration camps or the Dora Mittelbau regime which he headed. He claimed that, as technical director and a civilian, he did not control the guards and that he had interceded on behalf of the prisoners and sought better conditions for

Even when the undeniable evidence of Dora Mittelbau

Rudolph was forced to leave the US which had seized him as a prize

survivors began to be pub-lished, notably in Jean Michel's memoirs (Dora: Hell Of All Concentration Camps, 1975), Arthur Rudolph argued sible to produce such sabo-tage-sensitive and complex technology in the horrifying slave camp conditions that were being described. The most difficult aspect of managing a high technology project involving hundreds or even thousands of people is to get them all to sing the same

In the wake of the American



Arthur Rudolph . . . honoured and then exiled by the US

moon landing, this had a country had seized him as benevolent organisational meaning, since its manage-ment had been superb. At this time, Rudolph, when pressed in interviews, said that the triumph was more German were part of the intellectual aura of both Rudolph and Von Braun, who, with his honour still intact, died in 1977. This was before the cynicism and inquiring doubt of postwar generations peeled the gilding from the space programme of the east and west, and revealed the military and

political motives and illusions

at their heart. In 1982, when the US Justice Department accused Rudolph of being responsible for the deaths of thousands of slave workers — more than 20,000 in 20 months at Dora Mittelbau alone — he maintained his denial of any knowing involvement. When the Justice Department emphasised that the evidence was overwhelm-ing and that he would face trial and disgrace, Rudolph saw that this would destroy his family. To protect them, he accepted the bargain offered by the Justice Department.
In exchange for immunity from prosecution, he was stripped of his honours and his American nationality and, quietly but forever, forced out of the country that, by then, he felt to be his own. Almost

tion prospects under the Tru-

man administration all but

vanished. But the Korean War brought him his rear-admi-

Eisenhower became president

In 1955 he was chosen over

92 more senior admirals as Chief of Naval Operations.

During the three two-year

terms he served, he oversav

an unceasing modernisation of the USN, the establishment

of a versatile, largely nuclear

fleet with new carriers.

Polaris submarines, new tech-

nologies in anti-submarine

warfare, aircraft and amphibi

Declining a fourth term

come the founding director of

the Center for Strategic and International Studies at

Georgetown University. He

retired again in 1976 and was

awarded the Medal of Free-dom, America's highest civilian award, in 1977. The memo-rial which moved him most

was the launch in 1991, in his

Burke, the world's most pow

erful destroyer and first in a new class. He thus became the

the commissioning of a war-

ship named after him. He was

His widow survives him

Admirai Arielph Albert Burke

they had no children.

Dan van der Vat

died January 1, 1996

presence, of the USS Arleigh

Burke retired in 1961 to be-

ous tasks.

Burke rose to the top.

prize enemy military scien-tist, perhaps saved him from execution and, for its own purposes, adopted, empowered and honoured him.

Arthur Rudolph directed indeed masterminded, the de velopment and production of the giant Saturn V for the National Aeronautics And Space Administration's moon landing programme and brought great intuition and expertise to world rocketry. This was absorbed and exploited by US scientists and engineers, yet Rudolph could fairly claim that he was never directly involved in the later developments of the military nuclear ballistic missile

By the late sixties, he was already talking about rockets much larger than Saturn V and which he saw as essential for manned interplanetary flight, projects whose costs would have dwarfed those of the moon landing programme, and which frightened even the most dedicated of political enthusiasts. When he went into exile, Rudolph was accompanied by his wife Martha, who survives him. Their daughter was allowed to remain in the

Anthony Tucker

Arthur Rudolph, rocket engineer,

Nick Danies unites: There was Thompson (obituary, January
1) and it was one which he was about to spread very widely. After the Guardian story last August about him and his climbing companion, Cliff Sandham, all kinds of people got in touch to ask for advice, or to try to join them, to carry on climbing. The two of them arranged to take sev- her colleague. Emilia Dowleral elderly people up in the Lake District peaks with them; one of them was regis-

Among those who contacted them were several television companies, and one of them, a Cumbrian outfit, arranged to make a 30-minute documen tary with them for Granada and Border. It was going to be a fine film, with their skill and their courage and their deadpan humour, but, most of all, with that certain kind of wisdom which they had devel-oped. The film will never be made now, but still the lesson despite all the hardship and sadness with which he was confronted, he learned to be himself before it was too late.

George & Jo Waldren write: Some years ago, we took a Christmas break at the Spread Eagle in Thame, and were lucky in falling in with Eve Perrick (obituary, November 20) and her husband Ben. We did not find out for some time her journalistic status, although it was obvious that they were people with inter-esting lives. Their outgoing, pleasant and sympathetic attitudes to us, two quite ordinary people, made this one of those holiday encounters one does not forget. Eve was obviously impatient with her deafness which must have been hard for such a communicator, but

Letters

she put over a wonderful per-sonality, and a past full of

psychology degree at Birkheci College, worked as a primary teacher, did postgraduate training at the Tavistock, and joined the staff there in 1959 She remained at the clinic until her 1988 retirement

Throughout her career Elsie was passionately com-mitted to the challenges in volved in becoming a profes sional psychologist and the British Psychological Soci ety's training committee or educational and child psychology flourished with her in the chair. Mindful of the impor tance of support to profession als engaged in often distress ing child and family menta: health work, she placed grea importance on maintaining the boundaries between pro essional and personal issues Her own integrity, sensitivity and honour was an example to

Following her retirement, she continued to work in England, Norway (where she feit a particular affinity), Spain, Italy and Greece; her diary remained full.

Always modest in her writing, and with an almost child-like delight that a colleague should value what she referred to as her personal jottings, made on small scraps of paper, she made a substantial contribution to the literature in the field. She is probably most widely known for the ing, entitled The Family And The School: A Joint Systems Approach To Problems With Children. She is survived by her husband.

ingrid Lunt

Elsie Osborne (née Grayston), paediatrician, born August 8, 1924; died December 7, 1995

#### Death Notices

field University), passed away on 30-12-86, aged 74 years. Funeral to bake place with Service and Cremation at Rotherham Crematorium on Thursday Jan 11th 1986, at 12.06 midday. All enquiries regarding luneral arrangements to The Rotherson Copperatives Funeral Service, tel 01708 628518

#### Memorial Services

### Birthdays

Jean-Pierre Aumont, actor. 85; Alfred Brendel, concert chairman. ABB Transportation, 66; Robert Duvall, ac-tor, 65; Ferreira da Silva Eusebio. footballer, 53: Derek Harrison, inventor. 67: Sir Frank Hartley, pharmaceutical chemist, former vice-chancellor, London University, 85; Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg, 75; Vinnie Jones, footballer, 31; King Juan Carlos of Spain, 58; Diane Keaton, film acss, 50; Mansur Ali Khan, Nawab of Pataudi, former cricketer, 55; Lord Kingsdown, former governor, Bank of England, 69; Jan Leeming, broadcaster. 54; Walter Mondent. 68: Maurizio Pollini. nianist 54: Lt Gen Michael Rose, former commander, UN forces in Bosnia, 56; Louis Stewart, jazz guitarist, 52; Gen Sir John Stibbon, former Master General of the Ordnance, 61; Alison Wright, director-general. British, Invisibles, 51.

#### Another Day

January 5, 1821: Rose late dull and drooping — the weather dripping and dense. Snow on the ground, and sirocco above in the sky, like yesterday. Roads up to the horse's belly, so that riding (at least for pleasure) is not very feasible. Read the con-clusion, for the fiftieth time (I have read all W Scott's novels at least fifty times), of the third series of Tales Of My Landlord — grand work — Scotch, Fielding, as well as great English poet — wonder-ful man! I long to get drunk with him . . . Clock strikes going out to make love. Born For Opposition: Lord Byron's Letters & Journals, vol 8. John

Admiral Arleigh Burke

## Full power and glory in the Pacific

country's most successful wartime destroyer leader, known ished his service career with a record six-year term as Chief of Naval Operations, the most senior post in the USN. He earned his soubriquet on November 1, 1943, at Empress Augusta Bay in Bougainville, largest of the northern Solo-mon islands. Commanding destroyer squadron 23, which he was now to make famous, he

warned the transports: "Stand aside — I'm coming through at 31 knots." It was Fleet Admiral William F Halsey, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, who gave him the nickname. As part of Task Force 39 of four light cruisers and eight destroyers, Burke raced for-

ward to help drive off a superior Japanese group of two heavy and two light cruisers, plus destroyers. One enemy cruiser and four destroyers were sunk and the Japanese commander was disgraced and relieved of his command. In the Battle of Cape St George on November 25, the sixth and last action of the struggle for tain Burke led five destroyers in an attack on a Japanes troop convoy. In a short and blistering surprise attack off Bougainville, they sank three out of five Japanese destroyers. None of his vessels was

Burke's next action was completely one-sided, but prompted him to show an-Patrolling off New Ireland, north of Bougainville, in February 1944, squadron 23

DMIRAL Arleigh sighted a solitary light Japa burke, of the United nese destroyer, Burke invited States Navy, who has it to surrender. Ridiculously, solves There was one man on Cape Engano on October 25, the "admirals" revolt" in 1949 and Burke ordered a rescue despite the fact that Japanese orders decreed death before the dishonour of capture, defeat or surrender. The enemy sailors duly resisted, until one man who had been picked up

conveyed to his comrades that Burke's recollection of the incident - which ended with him ordering a salute to the courage of the enemy dead — was vivid: "Not all of the Japaoner. Many of them cut their throats: some of them had no knives and would try to bump their heads against the wreckage on which they were resting. Eventually they would the Battle of the Phillipine Sea

it opened fire; whereupon the
Americans blasted it out of the
water in 15 seconds. Some 150
Japanese took to the water

We threw him a lifering. You

est in naval history. Burke's

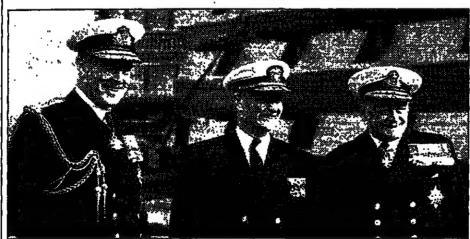
oly. Still a captain, his promocould see him struggle slowly and drown. It seemed a shame that so many of those people who wanted to die could no who wanted to live could not have lived." Under him, squadron 23

sank one cruiser, nine destrovers, one submarine and nine smaller vessels, plus 30 aircraft, in 22 engagements over four months. In March 1944, Burke became chief of staff to Vice-Admiral Marc A Mitscher, commanding the fast carrier task force (the bulk of the Pacific Fleet) which defeated Vice-Admiral Ozawa's first mobile fleet at succeed and drown. Some of ) in June, crippling Japanese

1944 — one of three huge to campaign for a new genera-actions which made up the tion of supercarriers and support proved he was no less gifted as a staff officer than as combat commander. Arleigh Burke was born in

German stock, and went to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, at 18. Graduat ing in 1923 — and marrying Roberta Gorsuch the same day - he spent five years at sea before taking a chemical engineering degree. He was in Washington when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, but his pressure for a seagoing command took nearly two years to succeed. His short term with squadron 23 heiped him win 13 high decorations.

Seeing out the war in air-



Admiral Arleigh Burke, flanked by the First Sea Lord, Earl Mountbatten (left), and

Admiral of the Fleet Sir George Creasy, during a visit to HMS Victory at Portsmouth

## Jackdaw



#### **Hacking it**

NOWADAYS it is impossible to be taken seriously as a foreign correspondent or a real man without a Bosnian stamp in your passport. And so the place is heaving with journal

1. Lion-Maned Hard Men. Easily spotted at the Croatian Airlines check-in at Heathrow. They are carefully unshaven as if the night before has been spent festering in a trench rather than slumped over the vol-au-vent du jour in an Islington wine bar. They carry enormous ragged passports...and battered copies of The Fall Of Saigon. They wear stained blue jeans and

(for padding over the deep-pile carpets of the Inter-Continental in Zagreb) those big lumberjack boots which look like suede buildozers. They are masters of Bosnian war jargon... 2. Polo-necked Documen-

tary Makers. Usually French or Swiss with concave chests and pale thin fingers... They eat in the best restaurants and have by far the highest mortal ity rate. They are out in the early morning, piling highly polished aluminium boxes of equipment into pristine Peugeot vans. They tend to be brave, sensitive, knowledgeable, highly-scented and

3. Analysts... They suck on foul pipes, speak Serbo-Croat badly, have uncles in a Slavonic Studies Department of a Central European University they disagree violently about the pronunciation of unimportant place names. A friend of mine had his nose broken when a German correspondent on a Marxist paper

lunged out with his steel-

spined notebook after he'd

tic" rendering of the Serbo-

heard a "loathsomely fascis-

only they and their mothers ever read a word they write. 4. Visiting Celebrities. The

sively over keyboards or get ting the deaths confused with the births.

real victims of the "Balkan war as an essential career step" syndrome. Most have won respectable spurs in a hard journalistic world, only to find, in their mid-forties. that only Bosnian laurels are for resting on. So they're obliged to fly on UN transport planes (definitely no Club Class), squeeze into flak jackets designed for slim teenage psychopaths and pose anxiously on street corners . . . 5. Nine-til-fivers. Tired chain-smoking provincials who have been exiled punitively for vomiting expen-

And that's only the blokes. Eyewitness war reporting from Charles Foster in Esquire

Roach heaven ON THE LIST of laboratory animals being defended by animal rights activists, it is safe to say that you will not find the creatures now being

kept in Lab Room 011 of the Natural Sciences Building at the State University of New York in Old Westbury . . There in a row of six small aluminium pens stocked with wood chips, water dishes, fresh apple chunks and rat chow are hundreds of members of the family Blattaria. more commonly known as the cockroach . . . [they] are a little-begrudged bequest from Berta Scharrer, once one of the world's leading authorities on the cockroach specifically the nerve cells of the cockroach brain, which, Scharrer discovered, has significant similarities to our

own. Nerve cells were previously thought to be merely wirelike conductors of imnulses: but as Scharrer confirmed, they also secrete hormones into the blood. Her finding spawned a new discipline: neuroendocrinology. In 1937, the Scharrers came to America with fwo suitcases and \$8. For Berta, who had little grasp of English,

limited lab space and no

money for purchasing lab an-imals, it was a godsend when

a custodian in her lab build-

ing directed her to the supply of roaches in the basement ... [Her husband's] next appointment was in New York. at Rockefeller University, which, if it had any roaches in its basement, was not forthcoming about them. Then a shipment of lab monkeys arrived from South America and Berta's eyes lighted up at the sight of the stowaways scurrying in the bottom of the crates. Bigger and slower than the American roach . . .

It was only last winter when Scharrer decided to close up her laboratory . . . Her roaches were shipped to Old Westbury. "The great exodus," she told a reporter. "I felt nostalgic. I said goodbye to them.

New York Times celebrates a biomedical pioneer

Essex boy

WHEN Rodney Archer first moved into his Georgian terraced home in London's Spitalfields, his baggage didn't inst include furniture and furnishings. He also brought with him a wide-

ranging life's history which includes fond memories of his birthplace, Romford ("I'm an Essex boy")...Supporting the whole edifice was his age ing mother, Phyllis, who, de-spite a broken hip, had decided to demonstrate her pioneering spirit by settling into the top floor while Rodney "did it up" . . . as a former actress, she has helped imbue

the house with much of its

theatrical flair... now the house, which is part of the vigorous enclave of de-



Interview: Eau de Chawton

rigning, writing and artistic talent in Spitalfields, merits the centre-stage position it has been given in Rodney's life . . . Built in 1726, the ter-race has housed Huguenot silk weavers, then waves of Jewish and Bengali immigrants. "But because there was no real money round here, everything has stayed the same," remarks Rodney sagely. "The Indian taxi ranker who occupied this house last covered all the panelling with laminated

wood, which protected it neautifully . . . The World of Interiors' unique blend of luvviedom snobberv and decor

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.Iean Paul Gaultier's brazen Parfum to shock Mansfield Park's Fanny Price out of her timid ways. Todd Oldham's dynamic Parfum to embolden Persuasion's amiable but passive Anne El. liot to win her man. Sophisticated Jil Sander No 4 to bring clarity of vision to Pride And Prejudice's witty,

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## Finance Guardian

#### Notebook

## Threadneedle St steps in to prop up sagging pillar



HE removal of Michael
Lawrence as chief executive of the London Stock
Exchange may have been regarded as necessary by its board and members but will be viewed by many as catastrophic for the City's repute.

Chancellor of the Exchequer and the three pillars of the establishment of the Source Mile: the Governor of the Bank of England, the chairman of the Stock Exchange and the chairman of Lloyd's. strophic for the City's reputation as a financial centre. The loss of two chief execu-

markets, smacks of weakness and amateurism at the highest level of the exchange. Clearing out chief executives is easy enough for boards on is easy enough for boards on the defensive: but the patrician style of John Kemp-Welch and his colleagues has not helped any more than it has at Lloyd's insurance market.

Not so long ago, the high-light of the City year was the annual dinner at the Mansion House for bankers and merchants, addressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Of these three pillars only the Bank of England remains relatively intact (BCCI and tives in three years, at a time Barings notwithstanding). executive Peter Rawling when London faces enormous The other two have been ensure that it does not challenges as a result of the crumbling before our eyes.

globalisation of financial | Lloyd's is in the final stages of | a battle for survival.

The Bank of England is suf-ficiently concerned about the and its effect on London's dominance as the trading centre of the new Europe that it has engineered its placeman
— Ian Plenderleith — into the
position of deputy chairman.
This is shrewd and sensible
City politics for the Bank.

murings already among non-executive members of the Bank's ruling Court over the failure of the Old Lady to take a more decisive role in the reorganisation and refinancing of Lloyd's. It is clearly determined, as it was at the time of the col-lapse of the Taurus, the computerised settlement system

HERE have been mur-

The exchange is no longer what it was before Big Bang in 1987, or for that matter Big Bang 2 in 1995 when an ex-traordinary number of independent British financial houses, from SG Warburg to Smith New Court, were sorbed into global monoliths like Swiss Bank Corporation and Merrill Lynch.
The cosy world of one member, one vote — when a word from the senior partner of Ca-

zenove (Mr Kemp-Welch's for-mer firm) to the Stock Ex-change would settle a dispute over a trade, an alleged breach of the rules — is van-The Stock Exchange is now

dealing with a series of global monoliths, from NatWest Securities to UBS and Salomon Brothers, which have shown themselves quite capable, if engineered by former chief the exchange fails to meet at the urging of arms of government like the Office of ensure that it does not lose the Exchange, too.

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high-profile trio of firms de-cided to move their equity husiness from London to local European exchanges, although they will still trade from their London desks.

DDLY enough, among the reasons that London has been so suchoneypot for global firms, is that it has lived by a different trading system to that prac-tised by many of its foreign counterparts.
The emphasis in London

has been on a quote-driven system in which an intermediary or market-maker takes a considerable risk but where liquidity of the market place. the profits and margins are higher. The Stock Exchange under Michael Lawrence, and

It was unhappiness among some of the big battalions about the pace of the change which is understood to have rence's downfall. The exchange and Mr Lawrence may have been on the right track, but were not politically adept enough to carry along the key constituency of the six biggest market-makers a fatal error.

Moreover, there is little doubt that the Stock Ex-change's uncertain performance over regulatory issues - including this week's pusillanimous approach to the handling of price-sensitive in-formation affecting the utilities — has not enhanced its reputation.

Ironically, the same ex-

pened late last year when this | transparent, order-driven ex- | requirements, may soon find itself in breach of the same hapless Mr Lawrence.

The loss of an individual does not mean the death-knell for the Stock Exchange. But it does mean a substantial transfer of power from its Throgmorton Street headquarters to Threadneedle

established a leadership in the area of settlement with Crest, it is now adding a significant role in trading through Sequence — the modern, dual-trading system.

Mr Plenderleith is deter mined to make that work in league Pen Kent staked his reputation on Crest. This may be crucial for London's invisible earnings but does not say much for the business or political skills of the existing

# Market grandees stick the knife in

Top-level delegation forces action against Lawrence in face of crisis at the Stock Exchange

of Stock Exchange chief executive Michael Lawrence yesterday was pre-cipitated by a delegation of Stock Exchange board members demanding urgent action from the Bank of England, according to senior market

Reports yesterday indicated that one member of the dele-gation had indicated that his broking firm would withdraw its capital from the London stock market if concerns over the leadership of the exchange were not addressed. Others are believed to have sinted that they were pre-pared to resign their member-

City's most powerful trading houses and is said to have included the likes of BZW, the investment banking division of Barclays bank, American brokerage Merrill Lynch, which took over Smith New Court last year, and NatWest It is said to have visited the

Bank just before Christmas,

arguing that Mr Lawrence

to the exchange's credibility. Last autumn Rudi Mueller, the London head of Swiss fi-nancial powerhouse UBS, resigned from the board and beloed stir up the row over the exchange's future with a

keep pace with innovations in other European markets. infuriated the biggest market making firms — those who

charge that it had failed to



make constant two-way prices in shares and who rank as the exchange's most powerful members - by was ignoring their concerns over the strategy being pursued by the exchange and, in particular, the speed with which new trading systems were being introduced.

Mr Lawrence's resignation members — by bringing forward the introduced trading system to August this year. This new system will allow big investors, such as pension funds, to trade on an "order driven" basis — posting their transactions on trading their transactions on trading their transactions on trading their transactions of membership of the exchange.

"The exchange is going to be 240 million a year worse off, but we have not seen it doing much to cut costs," one said. An order-driven system would give it the opportunity to charge for usage.

ing screens and avoiding having to put their business
through market makers.

"This has been on the cards
for some time," noted one of
London's most senior market
figures last night. "It goes
back to the days of Andrew
Hugh Smith who ran the Hugh Smith, who ran the chairmanship in 1950s styla. His successor, John Kemp-Welch, was great as a senior partner at Cazenove. But he is from behind the beige door, rather than knowing the heat of the kitchen. The market makers have been saving that any change should come slowly, but Mr Lawrence was fust left to run off on his own angent. Tempers have been getting seriously frayed."

head of small-company market makerWinterflood Securities, insisted the council had simply "shot the messenger".
"We have had a lot of propaganda about how quote-driven systems are no good because no one else uses them. But London is the third biggest equity market in the world, and 85 per cent of European share trades go through the City."

But Brian Winterflood.

Brokers currently have to be members of the exchange so that they can use the Talis-man system for settling share bargains. But from next sum-(run by the Bank) is due to replace Talisman, they will be able to purchase this service regardless of membership of



Stock Exchange chairman John Kemp-Welch, flanked by Benk of England representative and new joint deputy chairman Ian Plenderleith, left, and established deputy chairman Ian Salter, announces the dismissal of Michael Lawrence

### A case of order driven out

#### Why he went

O LOSE one chief exec-

Mark Milner

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utive might be thought unfortunate, to lose two looks like carelessnes Yesterday's enforced, and abrupt, departure of abrupt. departure of By contrast, Mr Law-Michael Lawrence from the rence's departure did not Stock Exchange leaves one of the City's most august institutions seeking its third chief executive in three by a series of events which wars — the sort of thing has called the exchange's years — the sort of thing that, if it happened at one of its listed companies,

The departures of Peter Rawlins and Mr Lawrence of the Government's stakes appear, on the surface at in the electricity generatleast, to have quite different origins. Mr Rawlins quit when it became apparent that Taurus — the sensitive information. £40 million system de- Then there was adverse signed to allow physical comment on the exchange's

share certificates to be response to the emergence replaced with a computer of a small domestic rival replaced with a computer-ised register — was not only over budget, but also would not do the job.

The cancellation of the project caused the exchange huge embarrass-ment and Mr Rawlins car-ried the can for the debacle by resigning.

spring from a single cause.

Rather his position seems to have been undermined might raise eyebrows with the Treasury over its handling of the £4 billion. The departures of Peter sale of the second tranche

Tradepoint, and a very pub-lic row with some City big guns over its strategy towards Europe. But the issue which

seems to have had most bearing on Mr Lawrence's departure was his proposal to bring "order driven" trading to London. An order-driven market would allow investors simply to post buy or sell orders directly into a central sys-tem, rather than having to go through the market-makers who form the core of London's "quote driven"

Order-driven markets are the norm elsewhere in the world and supporters claim they are both cheaper and more transparent. But such proposals hardly en-deared Mr Lawrence to the many market-makers among the exchange's

#### Mood change in the City

l love to deal with change

- Michael Lawrence on his appointment I have been particularly impressed by the

quality of skills and resources available at the exchange. I am confident that this knowledge and experience, together with the greater emphasis on organisation, co-ordination and direction under Michael Lawrence will ensure that the London Stock Exchange continues to meet the challenge of providing the market of choice in the UK and internationally

- John Kemp-Welch in exchange's annual report

it's with much regret that the board felt compelled to ask for Mr Lawrence's resignation. He had failed to win confidence of market firms, both large and small and his relationship with the Stock Exchange board had for several months been unsatisfactory . - John Kemp-Welch yesterday

I have never walked away from anything in my life

I can speak faster than most people think - sayings of Michael Lawrence

## A life in the fast lane

#### **Profile**

ICHAEL Lawrence looks set to receive a golden handshake of at least £350,000 thanks to one-year rolling contract with

The 52-year-old executive oined the exchange in February 1994 after leaving Brit-ain's biggest insurance firm, Prudential, where he was finance director. Mr Lawrence, whose ap-

pointment was welcomed at the time, said he had accepted the job because he relished change.

He has a reputation for liv-ing life in the fast lane and for

having a lightning quick mind,

Two years ago he bought comedian Rowan Atkinson's red Aston Martin car and is quoted as saying: "I can speak



Lawrence: relished change



think."

A qualified pilot, he and his wife have been involved in Research Agency.

running a private aviation company and a property company. He once cited his strength as having the ability to emulate a helicopter, be-cause of his capacity to rise above the details and spot the 'I have never walked away from anything in my life," he once boasted. A former Watford County Grammar School pupil, he gained a first class honours degree in physics and a PhD

in mathematical physics. Mr Lawrence acquired many of his business skills during 18 years with the ac-countancy firm Price Water-house. After six years there, he found himself advising on the complete reorganisation

of the Port of London. His titles embrace Freeman of the City of London, Liveryfaster than most people tial Hundred Group of Fi-

## Flagging car sales dent revival hopes

Motor industry sees disappointing figures as grounds for asking | and business sales, transac | That amounts to a rise of 9,500 tions that are usually on cars on sales in 1994 of ministers to help give drivers a lift. Chris Barrie reports

an economic revival vious year's total of 191 million and a disappointing final ahead of the general lion and a disappointing final lion and a disappointing final tally given a rebound in sales in October and November, when the motor industry when they were up 11.5 per reveals that car sales manwhen they were up 11.5 per seed only a meagre increase cent and 12.77 per cent respecaged only a meagre increase of about 1.5 per cent last year. As economists finalised the sales statistics last night, the industry was preparing to warn ministers that further fiscal measures are needed to revive the public's appetite show that sales in December

OVERNMENT hopes of about 1.5 per cent on the pretively on the same months in

Official figures to be released by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and revive the public's appetite for cars.

Industry sources suggest that sales reached about that sales reached about that sales were in the dolument that sales reached about 1.94 million in 1995, a rise of sales were in the dolument that sales are sales were in the dolument that sales reached about 1.94 million in 1995, a rise of sales were in the dolument that sales are sales were in the dolument that much of the sales last year, its first full amount to the sales were in the dolument that much of the sales last year, its first full amount to the sales were in the dolument that in 1995, a rise of sales last year, its first full amount to the sales last year.

The news is certain to lead to renewed pressure from the industry on the Government to do more to bolster consumer confidence despite recent cuts in interest rates and measures, including tax cuts, announced in the

Budget. The Retail Motor Industry Federation will welcome the 1995 sales increase but warn that consumers are still not wafer-thin profit margins. The SMMT is also set to express disquiet. Its forecasting committee has pencilled in a

sales increase this year to 1.97 million cars, rising further to 2 million in 1997. But Ernie Thompson, the organisation's chief executive, warned last year that any improvement in sales

was largely due to marketing mitiatives by car manufacturers. Some firms have offered hefty discounts to boost sales. The news comes as the German car company BMW said

cars on sales in 1994 of 475,000.
Although BMW admitted

that Rover's financial performance would not be in line with BMW's aspirations for at least two years, Bernd Pischetsrieder, the German company's chairman, added at the Detroit motor show that the Rover business was develop-ing "successfully".

Rover sales fell 6 per cent in the first nine months of last marathon meetings before year, but recovered to end Christmas. It embraced an 2 per cent up overall after a strong final quarter.

BMW attributed the turnaround to the launch of the over the next two years.

Rover 200 and 400 series, Vauxhall also offered which revived sales, and one-hour cut in the 39-hour

#### Vauxhall workers reject 'breakthrough' pay deal

Was on a collision course with its employees last night after workers at mass meetings voted to

reject a pathfinding three-year pay deal said to be worth 10 per cent in the first year alone.

The rejections tore up a tentative agreement thrashed out by managers and unions at a series of motor industry at the as a series of motor industry at the mo

immediate 4.5 per cent pay rise, followed by an in-crease in line with inflation Vauxhall also offered a week, the first break-

through in a five-year | Transport and General union campaign to reduce the basic working week to nearer continental patterns. German auto-workers this year enter the 35-With unions urging the

company to reopen talks, offer and pinpointed arthe chief union negotiator said he was not surprised offer". Tony Woodley, agreed to recommend the national secretary for the deal to the workforce

by "this overwhelming as areas of concern. The

trade unions had only

"once again shot itself in the foot."

He said the company had

"attached strings" to its

rangements for holidays and hospital appointments

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## **Dollar hits high** against yen as US budget hopes rise

Larry Elilott

HE dollar powered to a 21-month high against the yen last night as hopes of an imminent US budget deal accelerated a flow of speculators' cash out of the Japanese

postponement until today of the dollar had been hovering talks between the White around the 100 level for sev-House and the Republicandominated Congress in their stride, pushing the dollar higher against all the leading

With opinion polls showing that the Republicans are attracting most of the blame for the partial shutdown of government caused by the budget impasse, analysts believe that pressure is growing on Congress to come swiftly to an

had been a big buyer of the dollar also helped underpin | Sterling was dragged the dollar to end at just below its strength, with traders say higher against the German | \$1.55.

ken out of its narrow trading rise, ending the day in Lon-range against the yen in don at its highest for three range against the yen in

"Reality has at last started to set in," said Nigel Richard-son, economist with the Japanese securities firm, Yamai-chi. "The Japanese economy has been clobbered by an over-valued currency for some time.'

eral months, but there now seemed to be impetus towards pushing it higher. Yesterday afternoon, the dollar broke above 106.30 yen

and 1.4540-50 marks after a news agency quoted an un-named US Treasury official as saying the dollar had room to appreciate against the yen. The source cited optimism for the US budget as well as

good demand for dollars and high-yielding European currencies as reasons for the dollar's recent rally.

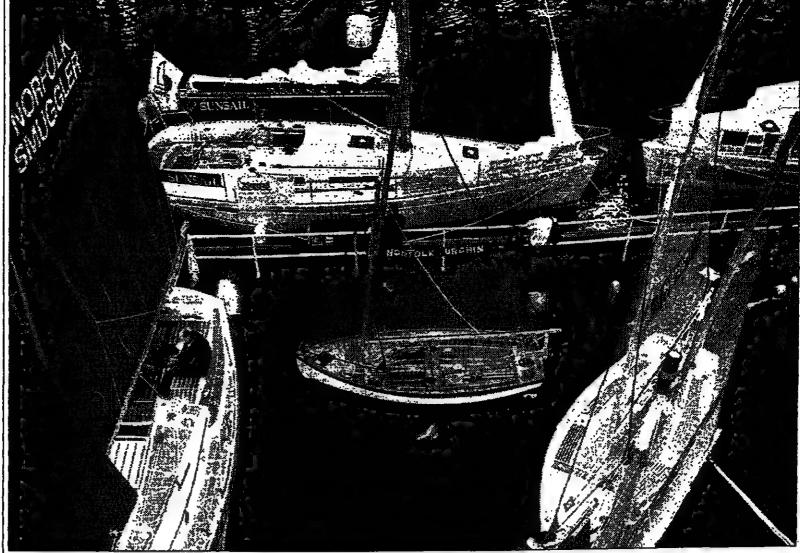
Nick Parsons, analyst at Banque Paribas, said: "Another good factor is that the market knows that the US will come to a budget agreement eventually.

"With a presidential election in 10 months or so, Clinton is going to want to get it through as quickly as poss-

Mr Parsons added that the dollar market was seeing an "asymmetrical risk", which was providing further

The dollar's rise against the mark was primarily triggered by its upward move against the yen, but reports that Mr Soros had sold a billion dol-lars worth of marks at \$1.4535 also had an impact,

Sterling rose by a pfennig against the mark to close at DM2.2556 in London, The pound lost half a cent against



BRITAIN's hot summer has been credited with reviving sales by boat which exports kept the

doors to the public at Earls Court today, Tony Beechy, executive director of the British Marine Industries ards open. Federation, said: "Many luxury motor yachts, said: Yachts — the UK's largest As the 42nd London Boat people have used their "Our turnover was 251 mil-producer of big sailing

last year and we are expect-Sarah Carnegie-Brown of Marine Projects, Plymouth, the UK's biggest builder of

million this year."
David Moody, of Moody

| lion in 1994, £61 million | boats summer didn't do us any harm but it probably helped sales of power boats more." The show runs until January 14.

## Japanese shares soar as prayers answered

As 1996 trading opens with a bang, many hope zero growth is at an end, reports KEVIN RAFFERTY in Tokyo.

prayers of a record 87 million Japanese who crowded into shrines and temples to pray for prosperous new year paid early dividends yesterday, when the Tokyo stock market leapt by almost 750 points, or 3.77 per cent, in the half-day opening session of the year. "The market did better

today than it did all last year," said Paul Migliorato of Jardine Fleming Securities, noting that the Nikkei index gained just 0.7 per cent over the whole of the year. Young women in colourful kimonos and leading executives led hand-clapping yesterday wel-Nikkei soared to 20,618, a gain

A new mood of optimism dollar to its highest levels for almost 21 months, to just under 106 yen. The higher dollar takes pressure off Japanese exporters, who last spring had to contend with 80 yen to the US currency.
Optimists say that this year

Japan may finally turn the corner after five years of virtually nil growth. Market analysts are already looking for the Nikkel to reach 21,000 or higher within weeks. Others are more cautious.

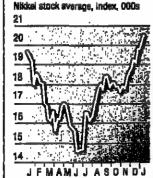
Toyoo Gyohten, chairman of Bank of Tokyo and formerly the top international official at the ministry of finance, said the most important effect could be psychological.

"Psychology is very impor-tant because of the fact that the recent lacklustre performance of the Japanese economy has been partly due to the wnbeat feeling in the busi-

unduly widespread," he said. In Mr Gyohten's view, the weakening of the yen will have an important impact in boosting business confidence. When the yen soared to 80 against the dollar, leading exporters including Toyota, Matsushita and Sony

currency in the range of 90 to 105 to be profitable. Now they have been granted their wish. Even so, Mr Gyohten ex-

squealed that they needed the



Rise and rise

pects growth this year of around 2 per cent, hardly the kind of performance to challenge South Korea or China. The government forecast is for 2.5 per cent in real terms in the fiscal year from April. Robert Feldman of Salomon Brothers predicts 2.6 per cent for this year, thanks to tens of billions of pounds of govern-

ment pump-priming.
Among the pessimists are Nomura Securities, Japan's higgest stockbroker, whose

research arm forecasts growth of only 1 per cent, and the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which estimated last month that Japan would grow by 1.8 per cent this year.

Indeed, there are indica-tions that the stockmarket yesterday let its enthusiasm run away with it. On the basis of past — or even projected — profits, Japanese stocks are expensive compared to those of the US or Europe. Moreover, the excesses of the "bubble economy" of the late 1980s followed by five lean years have left problems.

Banks are still saddled with between £260 billion and £500 billion in non-performing loans as a result of aggressive lending to property ventures, many of which collapsed. Then come the seven bankrupt jusen, or housing loan companies, set up by banks but fed funds by politically powerful agricultural co-oper-atives which have refused to

The government is proposing to make 650 billion yen (£4.1 billion) of taxpayers' money available to help ball out the juses, a widely unpopular decision that the opposition is about to tap. The gov-ernment's own budget is in a mess, and there will be a 21,000 billion yen deficit in the next financial year, taking the accumulated government deficit to 240,000 billion yen or 96 per cent of gross domestic product.

Japan's unemployment rate has also soared to a record 3.4 per cent. This may not seem high to Westerners, but the rate should be doubled to make a fair comparison. Unemployment among the young is much higher, and many companies are rethinking the post-war ideas of "life-

## Tycoon deceived 'to win | Forte challenges publicity for share sale' Granada claim

Maxwell trial

last Kling

OBERT Maxwell tried to "deceive" the City into thinking he had made a profit selling shares he owned - but which really belonged to his pension funds - for publicity, an Old Bailey lury was told yesterday. Lord Justice Phillips, in his

second day summing up in the eight-month Maxwell trial, told jurors Kevin Maxfather transferred shares in cals firm, to the private Robert Maxwell Group (RMG).
According to Kevin Maxwell's evidence. Robert Maxwell told his son that ownership of the shares had been transferred from the pension funds on October 30, 1991 -

six days before the tycoon's mysterious death at sea. Kevin Maxwell had thought it legally possible for his

even if he had "secretly agreed to do so with himself lips said Maxwell would not have been legally allowed to had emerged of an agreement with another RMG director.

He said Kevin had referred to a meeting with his father in which Robert said he would sell the shares through RMG rather than through Bishopsgate Investment Management (BIM) - the pension fund manager — because it would be good publicity. fund manager

release to "Maxwell's BIM", the judge added: "Basically, members of the jury, the intention was to deceive those thinking that RMG had made a big profit. The press release would suggest that RMG had owned the shares throughout.

"It would have to be a deceptive press release. Well, ming up today.

father to transfer the shares, the Maxwells were not too whether by agreement with fussed about the precise accuracy in their press releases. Kevin Maxwell denies con spiring with his late father to defraud Maxwell pension funds by misusing £100 million worth of shares in the Is-

raeli printing equipment com-

nany Seiter.

On the second charge, he jointly denies with his prother Ian, and former Maxwell financial adviser Larry Trachtenberg, conspiring to defraud pension funds by misusing 25 million Teva shares. Earlier, the seven women and five men were told that

Alun Jones, Kevin Maxwell's previous Maxwell press top" in defending his client.
release to "Maxwell's BIM". Mr Jones had criticised the Crown for failing to produce witnesses prepared to testify on the transfer of ownership who read about the sale into of shares alleged to have been misused. Judge Phillips said Mr Jones was a "spirited advocate" but he "sometimes

gets carried away". The judge continues sum

under pressure from City institutions to increase its £8.8 billion bid for Forte, was yesterday pressed by the hotels group to expand on its claim to be able to boost profits by £100 million in its first year of control.

Forte, which on Tuesday unveiled plans for a sharply increased dividend and promised an £800 million share buy-back programme, chal-lenged Granada's assertion that there were substantial savings to be made from clos-Holborn where 290 staff work. | nada will lift its original bid. Forte's chairman and chief executive. Sir Rocco Forte,

cuts it was proposing, it was not clear who would take on the role of worldwide sales and marketing, managing the hotel brands or control indi-

ting each other for business, he said: "It is time Graneda provided shareholders with substance, not sound bites." Granada refused to react to Sir Rocco's remarks, insisting he was simply "rehashing

Meanwhile, there was spec ulation in the City that several of Granada's institutional shareholders are pressing the group to let its original bid lapse and to bid instead for Forte's restaurant business, which the group has piedged to sell to Whitbread for £1 billion.

However, although it is still thought more lik analysts have warned that an increase of between 10 and 5 per cent will be needed to have a good chance of

winning. Granada shares closed up 31/2 at 653p last night, lifting the cash and paper value of its offer to 3290 — against Speculating that Granada Forte's closing price last risked being left with individing the state of \$42% p.

News in brief

## Talks over British Airways access to Beijing stall

Keith Harper

FIR political row be tween Britain and China over Hong Kong has led to a breakdown in sensitive commercial talks over increased access for British Airways to Beijing. The Chinese have broken off talks after the Hong

Kong authorities, acting under instructions from the British Government, refused to allow Chinese aircraft landing rights at Hong Kong. The talks collapsed after

the British insisted that the Chinese could only have overflying rights at the

During the talks, the Chinese made several concessions which British Airways would have been happy to accept. The most important was a doubling of British Airways' flights nese take over next year.
from Britain to Beijing to British Airways flights to four a week. BA had been Beijing already suffer in

Martin Waimunight

istry of agriculture.

The sweets will be exam-

ined at York University by bi-

research centre at the city's

chocolate factory. They will

looking for a better deal, but accepts that the Chinese hold most of the cards. There is still time for a

deal to be completed, al-though it may need the in-tervention of the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rif-

and cramped Kai Tak next of British competition.
year, makes an agreement Airline travel in the all the more urgent. The new airport will pro-

vide much needed extra capacity, enhancing its po-sition as a focal point for the rest of the China and south-east Asia. British businessmen are

furious that commercial in- more than one million terests continue to be put behind the Government's insistence on the best possible political solution for Hong Kong whenthe Chi-British Airways flights to increase its presence in Beijing already suffer in Beijing.

comparison with other European airlines, notably Lufthansa

The German airline has not got the added Hong Kong problem, and has been more adept at playing the power business game with the Chinese.

The opening of Hong Kong's new airport on reclaimed land off Lantau island at Chek Lap Kok. which will replace the old significant deals in the face

region is expected to double over the next 10 years. A recent British delegation to China was told that the country was planning to build 25 new airports by 2002. Most of these are in cities with populations of

| people. British Airways, in com mon with other large airlines, is concerned that it must be in a position to compete, and that it must

Santer backs EMU progress

with the loss of thousands of jobs.

£64.6m boost for

Llanwern steel plant

BRITISH STEEL is set to inaugurate a second continuous caster at its Llanwern plant in South Wales in a £64.6 million

project which will see the group create new jobs for the first

time since the late 1970s. About 150 new staff have been em-ployed to work the caster, which is in the process of being

commissioned 53 days ahead of schedule and will boost output

from Llanwern from 2.2 million to three million tonnes a year.

1970s when total employment stood at 250,000, compared with

tmder 50,000 today. The new caster, costing £22 million, has partly been made from salvaged components from the Ravenscraig steel works in Scotland which was closed five years ago

In addition, £23 million has been spent on relining Llan-

wern's second blast furnace and £19.6 million has been invested in a new fume extraction plant. — Simon Beauts

The company has rationalised relentlessly since the late

EUROPEAN Commission president Jacques Santer said in a BBC radio interview that any attempt to push back the timetable for European Monetary Union was "unacceptable". He said EMU was "on track", and between seven and nine European Union states would be ready to participate in the single European currency in January 1999. "We will be looking in 1996 to see how we can make strong relations between member states who join monetary union. We have to find solutions."

Mr Santer said an extension of qualified majority vectors.

Mr Santer said an extension of qualified majority voting, opposed by the UK, should be adopted at the inter-governmental conference in March. It should opt for "wholesale reform in many areas, like in the common foreign and security policy, and some extension of qualified majority voting in certain areas to make the EU work more efficiently." — Exchange Telegraph

#### Mobiles switch-off

THE forecast mobile phones bonanza in the period before Christ mas failed to materialise. The industry had been expecting to beat last year's record 400,000 sales figure but results so far have been disappointing. Orange yesterday reported net sales of 50,600 in December, taking its customer base to 380,000. It estimated that total industry sales of digital and analogue mobile phones during the month were about 202,000.

Vodafone recently announced it had added 57,000 customers last month while its rival Cellnet did rather better, signing up 88.000 new subscribers. Mercury One-2-One is believed to have fared badly. Potential customers have been discouraged by the total annual cost of owning digital phones which have been lisavily promoted by the total annual cost of the c Heavily promoted by the industry. - Nicholas Bannister

#### Inchcape sells premises

INCHCAPE, the troubled services and marketing group, is to sell the headquarters of its Hong Kong-based vehicle distribution business. Crown Motors, for HK\$675 million (£56 million) to the Pacific Century Group. Incheape shares surged following the announcement and closed up 8p at 261p. The company said it would use the money from the sale to reduce debt and buy new premises for Crown Motors, which distributes Toyota cars in Hong Kong. — Bloomberg

## **Drugs sector swallows** dubious growth theory

Outlook '96/ Takeover mania may have | nasty side-effects. Roger Cowe concludes this turn-of-year series

HE drugs industry is maceutical industry, on the caught in the kind of other hand, Glaxo Wellcome blinkered conventional is now the world's biggest wisdom which has so often led to calamity in other industrial sectors.

drug company with just over 5 per cent of global sales.
On that basis, the conclu-The wisdom is that the in-

conclusion is that more mergers and acquisitions have to take place, like last year's least a takeover of Wellcome by drugs. Glaxo, Rhone-Poulenc Rorer's purchase of Fisons and the the drugs business will inevother mega-deals of the past itably follow the motor or couple of years. Among proponents of this

other advisers who earn no ics. Manufacturing and distrifees if there are no deals. But the notion has also been swal-omies of scale are won, are lowed by many in the industry, who see a stark choice between growth and irrelevance.

Not everybody is convinced.
Zeneca, which emerged from the division of ICI, sees no clearly come from the difficulty of raising drug prices as dence, arguing that it leads its governments and other powniche of cancer treatment and erful buyers have sought its lowly standing in the overall league table is irrelevant.

It is difficult to see the flaws in that stance, and examination of the conventional wisdom reveals several holes in the argument for consolida-

The idea is simple enough.

Most industries are domi-where scale is important in

market shares. In the phar The key determinant of suc-

nated by a few firms with big getting on buyers' lists.

sion is obvious: more consoli-

dustry is too fragmented. The | dation until the industry is run by four or five groups, the largest of which will sell at least a quarter of the world's But it is not obvious that

aerospace examples. These are very different industries, theory are the bankers and with very different econominsignificant for drugs. Profits are not squeezed out by honing costs to the bone and

economies. But sales are still do so as the world gets more "civilised" and its population ages. This is not a business where price is crucial in the choice of product, or profits come primarily from cost con-

trol. Nor is it a business

product, and while there are some parallels with the de-sign of a car or aircraft, the similarities are limited. Success comes from having a portfolio out of which one or more winners might emerge. folio the more chance of winning, but that is not the same as saying the bigger the com-pany the greater the success. Many blockbusters, including Glaxo's world-beating ulcer drug Zantac, have come from small companies with little track record or marketing

clout. Many of the great hope for the future, including Glaxo

Wellcome's new flu drug,

cess is finding a winning

come from tiny biotechnology companies which overcom their lack of scale by doing deals with the majors. The merger of Glaxo and Wellcome's structures will save huge costs. It will not necessarily increase the chances of developing blockbusters. Indeed, because the combination will result in mystery of the Rowntree's fewer projects being pursued fruit pastille. than when the companies were separate, there is less

chance of success. Glaxo's need for Wellcome stemmed from its problems with the imminent expiry of the US patent on Zantac. Some of the huge US takeovers have also been driven by special needs, such as Merck's concern to protect its ologists working with staff from the Rowntree-Nestlé sales by paying \$6 billion for the distributor, Medco.

No doubt there will be more

takeovers, but they may end

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Scientists chew over fruit pastille recipe

PISKING defiance of the hadage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it", scientists are trythe mystique of sweet-making ing to crack the 150-year-old (tours of the factory bypass the workshop where Smarties receive their inexplicably The suckable mixture of tough shells). The balance of gelatin, starch and flavouredthe research bill is being paid successfully." gum, first stirred by mid-19th by a consortium including century Quakers, is the sub-Unilever and gelatine-making ject of a £750,000 research procompanies, whose products ject, half-financed by the min-

will benefit. The pastilles have never been toppled as Britain's favourite fruity sweet, but Dr Steve Whitehouse, senior sci-entist at Nestle, said it was no dustry sceptics believe that longer satisfactory to be in ig- most strides have come from norance about how the tex- inspiration - like the mudconsider how polymers in the | ture was achieved. "We are | dled samples of a Bassett's traditional recipe separate not looking to change the salesman offered to customand then re-form into an elas- | fruit pastille but any product | ers as liquorice "allsorts".

to now, by inherited custom, practice, trial and error.

The move signals a willingness by Nestle to risk some of understanding of how and why the components react is essential in maintaining the

quality of the pastilles as the process changes - as it must change so that it can compete The polymer findings, com-missioned under the Government's Link scheme for university/business co-oper ation, will help a range of foods relying on the chemical transformation into chewi-

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## Crocked Croat survives

ORAN IVANISEVIC beat Wayne Ferreira in a clash of crocks in Perth. Western Australia yesterday to earn Croatia a place in the Hopman Cup final.

Though Croatia lost 2-1 to South Africa, Ivanise-vic's 6-4, 6-3 win — his third successive straight-sets singles victory — was all that they needed to clinch first place in Group A shead of the United A ahead of the United States. They will play the champions Germany or the third seeds Switzerland, who meet today, in the final

Ivanisevic overcame a bout of food poisoning to overpower Ferreira, who has a broken bone in his right hand and a blister on his left foot, in 63 minutes.

"I wasn't 100 per cent — I wasn't 100 per cent — I was up most of the night with stomach problems — but every time I broke his serve he gave me a couple

of easy points," said the big-serving left-hander. Switzerland took an un-beatable lead against the Netherlands with victories in both singles rubbes to in both singles rubbers to match Germany's unbeaten record in Group B. Martina Hingis returned well to overcome Brenda Schultz-McCarthy 6-3, 7-5 and Marc Rosset beat the world No. 11 Richard Krajicek 6-4, 6-4 in only 69 minutes.



Teen wolf... Martina Ringls happily survived an onslaught of big serves yesterday to beat Brenda Schultz-McCarthy 6–3, 7–5. "I'm playing well," said the 15-year-old. "Why shouldn't I smile?"

РИОТОБИАРИ ТОМУ МЕДОМОЦИН

## Lammtarra rated best in Europe

AMMTARRA has been officially rated the best horse in Europe, following his victories in the Derby, the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and the Prix de

mond Stakes and the PTIX de l'Arc de Triomphe but some racing enthusiasts will be disappointed that he was not assessed higher.

Despite the treble, previously achieved by Mill Reef 22 years ago, Lammtarra is judged to be Illh inferior to Dancing Brave, the best European horse to race in the 19 pean horse to race in the 19 years since the official classification was introduced.

However, achievement is not synonymous with ability. and Lammtarra had to fight hard to win his three races; the proximity of his rivals has rightly resulted in a con-

"He won his races through courage as much as ablity, and it is a pity we were not able to measure him against this year's three-year-olds, when he would have been a four-year-old," said Geoffrey Gibbs, the senior handicapper. "He did't sit part three of the exam."

to stud shortly after winning the Arc, became increasingly difficult to train through the Brenda Schultz-McCarthy second haif of the season, con-PHOTOGRAPH: TONY MODONOUGH senting to work in the mornretirement

Lammtarra is rated 1lb superior to Northern Spur; both horses beat Freedom Cry late in the season, Lammtarra by threequarters of a length in the Arc and Northern Spur by

Pentire, who defeated Free-dom Cry by half a length in the Guinness Champion Stakes, is on a mark of 126, the handicappers believing that both horses were not as effective at the mile and a quarter of the Leopardstown

Among the milers Bahri, at 129, is rated 3lb ahead of Ridgewood Pearl, the difference between them being the filly's sex allowance, but it is apparent that too much attention has been paid to Bahri's success in the Queen Eliza-

beth II Stakes at Ascot.
On testing going, Willie Carson bad the enterprise to take Bahri to the outer rail for the first half of the race, giving his mount the benefit of much faster ground, and Bahri turned into the straight

ings only after considerable attely after the race Bahri was persuasion, and his reputated at 131, up 61b from the tion has been preserved by 125 he earned from his impressive success in the St James's Palace Stakes. That

remained Having given Bahri the benefit of one dubious run, the handicappers have taken a neck in the Breeders' Cup a different view of Lake Con-Turf. iston, who earned a mark of 130 after his impressive vic-tory in the July Cup. He ends

the year on 127.
Handicappers across the
Atlantic tend to assess horses on the overall balance of their form, rather than on a single performance, and in this case it appears that the officials have not taken his outstand-

ing Newmarket victory at face value. No doubt, though, about the best horse in the world — Cigar with a rating of 132. In his two final races at Belmont he ran on a wet track, which did not suit him ideally, otherwise he might have

fnished the season higher. Racing is dynamic, and it is impossible to compare horses which are many generations apart.

One reason that three-yeara relatively fresh horse.

The handicappers accept that Ridgewood Pearl was below her best that day and point to a 12-length defeat of the fifth home, Bishop Of exodus of high-class horses to Cashel, who is regarded as a rum in America after two sea-reliable yardstick. Immedi-sons in Europe.

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To compensate the 25 jumps meetings lost since Christmas, nine extra cards have been allocated. They are: Sedgefield (Jan 15), Warwick (Jan 23), Market Rasen (Jan 23), Ayr (Jan 29), Newton Abbox (February 5), Kelso (Feb 13). Catterick (Feb 20), Uttozeter (March 4) and Newbury (March 5).

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Three for Bailey

MIM BAILEY, the Lambourn trainer, landed a 663-1 treble at Nottingham yesterday. Dominie, ridden by Timmy Murphy, provided the stable's first victory for nearly a month, followed by The Bud Club (Jamie Osborne) and Fellow Country. man (Graham Bradley).



## Lake finally loses five-year battle

David Hopps on how injury yesterday claimed a career which promised so much

All to play for . . . a fresh-faced Paul Lake eagerly awaits his debut for Manchester City at Wimbledon in 1987

the club's hierarchy are be although I like the look lieved to be ready to sanction of Giggs, Ferdinand and his sale.

new contract he will be a free | judgment," said Darren An- ary 12 to 15.

ers of his generation, terday to end one of the most prolonged and courageous battles against injury in the

Fourteen knee operations in five years represented ex-traordinary will-power as Lake strove to rebuild a career that had been forecast for stardom. "All I ever wanted to do was pull on the blue shirt of Manchester City just one more time." he said yesterday. Forecasts over Christmas, though, of a 15th operation finally broke his

Lake made his City debut in 1987 at Wimbledon. Three years later his knee first col-lapsed in an early-season

AUL LAKE, widely match against Aston Villa. feted as potentially Tony Cascarino lost the hall one of the finest play- and Lake twisted away "on a Tony Cascarino lost the ball and Lake twisted away "on a mazy run" but slipped and then experienced the pain that was to become his constant companion. At the time the specialist who studied the X-ray diagnosed a minor twist back in a fortnight.

Howard Kendall was City's manager at the time. "It is not just Manchester City's loss, it is England's as well, because he would have been captain of his country for years," Kendall, now in charge at Shef-field United, said yesterday. "He was on the verge of the England team when he was injured and I'm sure he would have been there to this day."

Robson's provisional England squad for the 1990 World Cup. He himself traces his clapped-out knee back to too much football in his teenage Two years later the knee ligaments snapped again at Middlesbrough. Peter Reid, years. If so, there can rarely have been more damning evidence of the dangers of exces-sive physical demands on young sportsmen and women. Lake had signed a five-year contract, and as the years pro-gressed be demanded the

same loyalty from City that he had shown to them. "There were many times when I thought about packing it in." he said. "But every day I would think that there haps the pain would become tolerable. I love putting my boots on more than anything in the world."

ciate ligaments from two dead

warned me that he couldn't

said. "By that stage too much

recovery was forecast.

He did recover enough last season to play a handful of A-team matches in the Lancashire League, wearing a knee support and fearing the first side-on clattering tackle.

would be back. Instead he has enrolled at college for a physiotherapy course. As Roy Balley, City's physio, said: "With his expe-rience of rehabilitation techniques he would be a great

derton, the Tottenham and England midfielder, "but I don't personally feel insulted.

and Holland forward. "That's

pace in the game in England.

players as well." England, who are without a

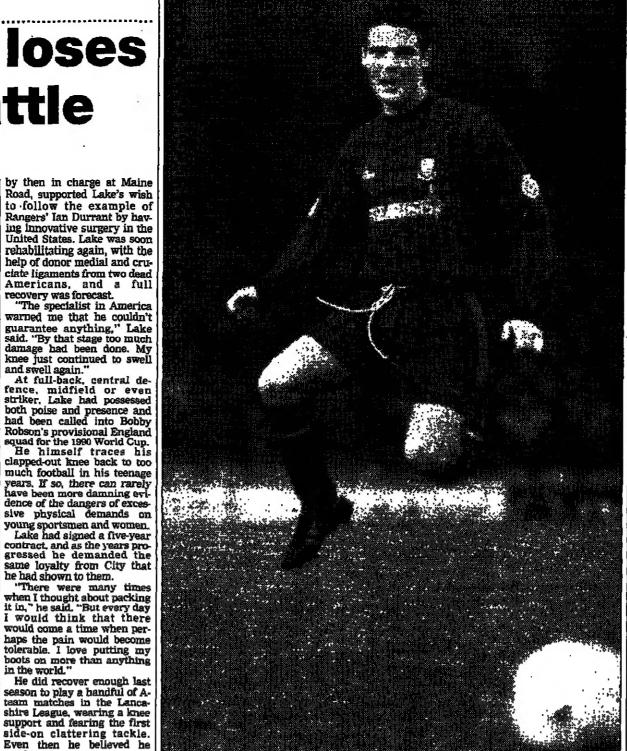
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Wembley on March 27, have arranged two midweek train-

ing sessions for the interim: at Bisham from January 22 to

training ground from Febru-

There are a lot of very gifted



Back on home soil . . . Mike Marsh is happy with life in Southend PHOTOGRAPH FRANK BARON

## Marsh relishes return to his second home

FA CUP PROFILE: Paul Weaver on the much-travelled Southend midfielder who faces a former club. West Ham, tomorrow

but it can be very demanding coming here too," said Bryan Roy, the Nottingham Forest for geography. When Mickey Thomas suffered nomesickness shortly after signing for Brighton he ex-plained that he did not realise Sussex was such a long way

> eason break in Norway. Mike Marsh rather like Thomas, complained of homesickness shortly after moving from Liverpool to West Ham two years ago. So he moved, via Coventry, to Turkey. But provided his compass is set correctly this talented midfielder, who like many others has seen his career afflicted by managerial change, will return to Upton Park tomor-

playing for Southend, whose manager Ronnie Whelan, another former Anfield man. signed him early this season. Marsh had signed for West Ham in a triangular deal which also brought David Burrows to the east London club while Julian Dicks moved in

been spent in the reserves. I am one of seven kids, all Liver-pool-based, and my wife Shar-

part of the country go pretty deep. And Liverpool folk always feel very strongly about Marsh played for West Ham for 15 months before, after the quick stop at Coventry, he rejoined his old Liverpool manager Graeme Souness at

Galatasaray.
"It will be good to go back to West Ham because I have some very good memories of the place and in Ian Bishop, Keith Rowland and Burrow had some very good friends there. In fact I should never

big mistake. Phil Neal signed me but then Ron Atkinson came along with different ideas and we never saw eye to eye. I only played three league games there, which is why I took the chance of go

Bonds and was a regular in the side until Harry Red-knapp took charge, "I played all over the park. Then I found myself lighting for a place with six other centralmidfield players. It seemed to boll down to a contest be-tween Bishop. Moncur and myself and three into two won't go. And I'd already played enough reserve-team

football at Amield.
"But now I feel disappointed that I didn't give myself a better chance at West." Ham. It's a great club with a really good feel about the place. But the lads at Southend feel confident. West Ham had a great run before Christmas and even got into the top half but they have struggled a

bit in the last two weeks.

"Things have gone really well at Southend. The First Division is more rough-andtumble than the Premiership. where the style of play is more relaxed but also more clinical. Premiership football is what I'm really looking at because at 26 I'm at or very

nearly at my peak."

Marsh has conquered his homesickness but his heart is never far away from the Mersey. "Liverpool will always be the team for me. I always got on well with Souness when I was there. I was sub when we won the FA Cup in 1992. But knowing Graeme as I do I think he has a few regrets. He bought a lot of players and it never really worked out." Marsh knows the feeling.

## Rugby Union Wales opt for Cobner

ERRY COBNER Was yesterday named as the Welsh Rugby Union's first director of rugby on a four-year contract worth £200,000 and admitted that Wales were slumped in international rug-

by's last chance saloon.
Cobner, who is 50 next
Wednesday, will start work next month after finishing as a teacher at Oundle School. He will head a new depart-ment, which includes the full time Wales coach Kevin Bowring, from offices that are being built at the Cardiff Institute of Higher Education. Cobner, who captained Wales in the 1970s, acknowl-

edged that he faced one of the toughest tasks in world rugby. His brief will be to national squad, concentrating national squad, concentrating significantly on rugby at the under-19 level.

Bowring has responsibility for selecting and preparing January 16 next Tuesday.

Bowring has responsibility for selecting and preparing the national sides at senior level but he will answer to Cobner, who believes that an inability to make use of

"Set pieces in Wales are adequate," he said. "What we are not doing is setting things up from there. Players need to be more comfortable with the ball in hand. There needs to be more pace and intensity to



"We will only get better as a nation if we work together and I believe we only have four years to do it. If we are a third-world rugby nation after the 1999 World Cup, then refine the supply line into the I cannot see any way back for

• Graham Shiel, of Melros expected to move south until next season.

 Wasps have successfully appealed to the Rugby Foot-ball Union to postpone their rearranged Courage league home encounter with West Hartlepool tomorrow week No new date has be our game, and I want to for the match, which was quickly get together with the coaches of clubs in the top two divisions.

## Referees split on match fees

EFEREES should be claimed yesterday. Robert Horner, the chairman of the referees sub-committee, said that officials at interna-tional level should be given pay parity with Will Car-ling's professional squad, who are receiving £2,000 als. And he said that a poll

We always say that the ref-eree is the 31st player." However, Horner admitted that if international ref-

"A referee should be treated in a similar vein.

erees, currently receiving only travel expenses, were given a match fee they would lose out on perks. such as being able to take "I would like to see the land's leading referees was referees in Five Nations split, with 31 in favour of matches get the same as receiving payments and 30 England players," he said.

### **Europe comes** second - Holmes

David Plummer on the former Cardiff

star turned coach S A player, Terry Holmes was of the no-

and direct, he never had any time for excuses. As a coach he has kept the same mould. He does not subscribe to the Alex Ferguson theory that your team is never beaten, only hard done by.

On Sunday, five weeks after he took over from Alex Evans as Cardiff's coaching organiser. his club will look to make history by becoming the first team to lift the Heincken European Cup when they take on Toulouse at the National Stadium. Cardiff's success in Europe

has coincided with a slump in their league form. Though the champions still lead the First Division, last month they lost home matches to Newport and Bridgend, teams well be-low them in the table.

Cardiff had rested players in between European contests, but to Holmes there was no excuse for the failures. We run a squad system and players who come into the team are expected to perform," he said.

"We lost to Newport and Bridgend not because we fielded weakened sides but because the performances were nowhere near good enough. The Heineken Cup is a welcome addition to the fixture list because it adds variety, and we are desperate to win

it, but the league comes first.

"If players complain about the pressure of fixtures they should not be in the game at this level. Europe cannot be a distraction from the league. Players have to learn to cope with the demands of professionalism. That, in my view, means not complaining but

getting on with it.
"Europe will be even tougher next season when the English clubs come in."

Holmes captained Cardiff in 1984-85, when he also led Wales, before he turned professional with Bradford Northern. The scrum-half would have won considerably more than his 25 union caps but for two serious injuries, and when he was allowed to return to union he helped coach Cardiff in order to put something back into rugby.

"I had a terrific career as a player, and coaching offered me the chance to put something back. I learned a huge amount from Alex Evans, as did the players, and he turned the fortunes of Cardiff

"It is our job now to build on that and ensure that his work was not in vain. Winning the Heineken Cup would be a start, but we also have to retain the championship. We have won two trophies in the last two seasons, but for a club of Cardiff's stature that

should only be regarded as the beginning.
"We have done well to reach Sunday's final. Two of our three matches have been our three matches hav away and we were in the toughest pool. The players have shown a lot of character but they cannot regard the league as something inferior. They have to maintain a high standard every week, not just

every now and then." Cardiff will field the side that defeated Leinster last week, which means no place for the Wales wing Nigel Walker, with Jonathan Davies remaining on the bench. "Our second-half display then was our most controlled of the season but we will have to step up a gear against Toulouse, said Holmes.

"With so many Welsh internationals in our side [14], the game offers Cardiff the chance to provide a huge boost for Welsh rugby, two months before France come to Cardiff in the Five Nations."

#### Burns confident of keeping Collins at Celtic

Clubs in rush for Rush

agent by summer. But if Liv-erpool were to sall him before

the end of May they could still

move for the Welsh interna-

tional in the past decade.
Ruud Gullit's unflattering

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OMMY BURNS, the Celtic manager, will in the next week take pre-emptive steps against the possible break up of his promising squad by of-fering his Scotland midfielder John Collins a new contract. Collins has hinted since the start of the season that he is unlikely to renew an agreement which expires at the end of June. But Burns, who had appeared likely to be a willing seller at the right price, yesterday sensed a change in

N RUSH is to be offered

the chance to finish his il-

lustrious career in the

First Division. Sunderland and Sheffield United are at-

tempting to woo the 34-year-

awarded the MBE, will be out

of contract at the end of the

season and has yet to be of-

fered a new deal by his club.

Although Liverpool's man-

ager Roy Evans is anxious

that he remains at Anfield for

at least the next 18 months,

some influential members of

If Rush does not agree a

who was recently

old Liverpool striker.

"He's been here 51: years." said Burns, "and it is possibly only now that we are playing the style of football that suits him. We'll make it our busimand anything like the booking stands. It will ness to make sure he has the reputed £8,000 a week of Celtone disciplinary point."

ON KING has been

McClellan, who was disabled

in losing to Britain's Nigel

Benn for the World Boxing

Council super-middleweight

title in London last February.

Neuro-surgeons saved the

28-year-old American's life

but there was irreversible

brain damage and he is now

blind King claims he is tak-

ing care of the medical bills,

but one of McClellan's three

yesterday during a telephone

news conference that deterio-

rated into a shouting match.

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"That is not true," she said

sisters, Lisa, disputes this.

accused of turning He wonders why he is not training. He thinks he is go-

Jack Massarik

football sense he will get all Thom, and if his demands are he needs here. He can fulfil outrageous Burns will allow

are going with the team has something to do with it.

Celtic's improvement this season, making them genuine challengers for Rangers championship, will certainly have influenced Collins. But neither he nor his agent should mistake Burns's willingness to talk for despera-

"I've already spoken to his

tion to re-sign him. Collins is unlikely to com-

"I sense a difference in John's attitude to his future and I'm sure the way things

agent and I would like to think that, in the next week, movement will take place."

in August, she said.

ing to fight again."

thinks it is always night-time.

His cars and other posses

sions were being sold to help

meet his expenses, she added. King and his British part-

ner Frank Warren deny ne-

glect. "Up until now Frank

brunt of his medical costs."

declared King, who supplied

figures. These included

£58,000 for the private air-am-

bulance that flew McClellan back to the United States and

nearly £36,000 in hotel and

travel expenses for members

of McClellan's family who

remained in London while he

lay in hospital for six weeks.

I will do whatever I can

Warren and I have borne the

best offer possible, but in the | ic's German striker Andreas

him to go. A few months ago Middlesbrough made two concrete offers, both rejected. The craziest booking of Paul Gascoigne's career will

stay against his name, the Scottish FA confirmed yesterday. Gascoigne was booked in Rangers' 7-0 win over Hibernian last Saturday after jok ingly showing the yellow card to the referee Dougle Smith who had dropped it. Smith's report to the SFA is believed to accuse the midfielder of

ungentlemanly conduct". The SFA said: "There is no right of appeal against a caution or a sending-off, so the booking stands. It will carry

sisters since returning to | deep end," said King, who | in Glasgow, Andries, three

their Preeport, Illinois home suspects that the FBI is trying times WBC light heavyweight in August she said. "He to frame him, as McClellan's champion, stalked out of the

to frame him, as McClellan's

estranged father claims.
"I swear to God that I've

never been offered any money

by the FBI," said Lisa. Either

way, King could do with less

investigative attention at the

moment; he faces retrial soon

on insurance fraud charges

involving Lloyd's of London.

The normally impassive Dennis Andries had to be

restrained yesterday when

confronted by Terry Dunstan.

who dethroned him as British

cruiserweight champion last

May. Frank Warren hastily stepped in as the two men

squared up to each other at a

London news conference to

"Sit down and behave your-

selves." Warren ordered them, "Save it for the night."

announce their rematch.

OOTBALL people are fore. I had been with the club for over six years, although more than three of those had ron is one of six and from the same area so our roots in that

from his native Wales. When Gordon Lee, in Tuni-sia, was asked what he thought of Africa the former Everton manager's jaw dropped and he replied, famously: "Bloody 'ell, we're not in Africa. are we?" He once nominated Ajax as the strongest club in Belgium and in the middle of a particularly harsh winter suggested that Everton should take a mid-

row in the FA Cup, this time

the opposite direction "To be fair, I only complained about homesickness once. I was 24 and had never been away from Liverpool be-

ring in disgust, but they meet

again at the London Arena on

February 10 on a bill headed

by Naseem Hamed, who de-fends the WBO world feather-

weight title against Arnulfo

"When the smoke clears.

only one man will be left

standing and that will me," said Andries, the "Rock of

Ages" who claims to be 42 but

• Henry Wharton has a new

opponent for his European

super-middleweight title de-

fence in Halifax a week

tomorrow. The Frenchman

Frederic Seillier has with-

drawn and his replacement.

Vincenzo Nardiello of Italy.

should give Wharton an eas-ier night; Seillier, Nigel Benn

Castillo of Mexico.

could be as old as 50.



Whelan . . . Anfield link

## King denies dumping McClellan O'Sullivan is back

Clive Everton

Snooker

ONNIE O'SULLIVAN put aside the memory of three first-round defeats before Christmas to beat David Roe 5-2 yesterday and reach the quarter-finals of the Liverpool Victoria Charity

Challenge. O'Sullivan began the sea-son third in the world rankings but has seen the game's other outstanding 20-year-old. John Higgins, who eliminated the reigning No.1 Stephen Hendry 5-4 on Wednesday. flash past him. Yesterday, however, O'Sullivan wrapped up victory with a 77 break and he has shown welcome signs that he is starting to

settle again. This is an invitation event, albeit of high quality, so there McClellan has needed do. I will not deal with Lisa When Dunstan was and Ray Close of Northern are no world ranking points at round-the-clock care by his McClellan; she goes off the awarded the points decision I reland have all stopped him.

national Convention Centre this week, but a prize-fund of £150,000 is no irrelevance and a further win over the world No. 8 Darren Morgan today would further restore O'Sullivan's confidence.

Ken Doherty, beaten by Higgins in last month's German Open final, reached the last eight yesterday by beating the 1985 world champion Dennis Taylor 5-3, taking the clinching frame after needing three snookers. • The women's world cham-

pion Karen Corr made a break of 77 to complete a 5-0 win over Mario Wehrmann. one of Holland's best players, to reach the fourth round of the qualifying competition of the Embassy World Championship at Blackpool. She needs to win seven more matches to qualify for the 32person televised phase at

# Holmes . . . no excuses

Extra time Edited by Jeremy Alexander.



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Cricket

Matthew Engel on the technology which helped South Africa make a decisive breakthrough and which compromised the umpire

# A right decision but not cricket

not have video screens for the crowd's benefit, but a

couple of hundred TV

and exclusive bars pro-

Cronje heard the roar and

complained. So Orchard consulted his colleague, Steve Randell. So he changed his mind and sig-nalled for the TV replay.

And so Thorpe went. Clive Lloyd fined Cronje very apologetically. He also

called for an expansion of the replay system to adjudi-cate on other close deci-

sions, such as the faint nick

that accounted for Robin

Smith. "I don't see what's

wrong with that. We have

the technology, so why not use it?" Bob Woolmer, the

South Africa coach, sup-

match ended, the photogra-phers clus-tered round rica batsmen. Ahead of them, Mike Atherton ran the pavilion,

He was probably only go-ing for a pee. But several minutes elapsed before he returned for the presentation. Only then could Hansie Cronje tap him on the shoulder in a gesture of sympathetic comradeship. Close-ups might provide more detailed evidence but, from a distance, there was

no visible response. Some time in the future, a keen post-graduate student in corporeal linguistics at the University of Ashton-in-Makerfield or somewhere will sift through the videotape for a thesis entitled Meaningful Shrugs: Mike Atherton's Body Language as England Captain, 1993 to whenever.

The whenever is not yet on the horizon. Atherton managed to compose himself extremely well for a grace-ful concessionary speech

HEN the Test | decessors, he is in practice) | country umpires, match match ended, and some moderately posi- referees and television tive rémarks later.

He could not quite bring himself to say anything kindly about Devon Mal-colm, whose horrendous failure with the new ball on Wednesday settled this Test as certainly as his brilliance defeated South Africa at The Oval 16 months

ago. "We had a bowler who was fresh, who had bowled 10 overs in the day with the new ball, and a rabbit at the crease. You can draw your own conclusions." It is a sad way for anyone to

Some South Africans have argued, absurdly, that Atherton's negativity has cost England the series. It is amazing that anyone can read a Test series so wrongly. If the British in the first world war were lions led by donkeys, this Test series has come perilously close to representing the reverse.

though tiny shifts of luck might just have changed the result, up against it vis-iting teams have never had the luck in Test cricket. (like most of his recent pre- | The panoply of neutral-

replays was supposed to deal with that and intro-duce a little more fairness. Yesterday's events showed bow it is failing to work.

Three years ago the South Africans introduced the system of third umpires and TV replays. Some of us opposed it on the ground that it was an affront to the cricketing convention that the umpire's word was stitutionalise argument with the umpires. So it has

Graham Taylor noted that Hansie Cronje's dis-sent yesterday over the Graham Thorpe dismissal would have got him sent off a football field. In cricket, which is supposed to have higher standards, he was fined 550 measly quid, which is nothing.
Orchard's original deci-

ported him. "Any close decision should go straight to the technology."

Well, fine. We also have sion was both crass (in his refusal to call for the third the technology to play the whole game as a computer Test in cyberspace. But no umpire in the first place) and wrong (since Thorpe should have been given one would pretend the result would be cricket. out). What was awful, though, was the way this particular Orchard bent before the breeze. What Cronje and Orchard perpetrated, and what Woolmer and Lloyd want. is not cricket either.

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Away supporters put on the map tendances has been attributed to fewer hooligans, tastier pies, cleaner

gans, tastier pies, cleaner loos — anything except bet-ter football. The real reason is simpler: more people are getting to the

Pourth Test (Port Elizabeth): Dra

Rugby League

Regal Trophy semi-final: St Helens 80, Warrington 0

## Goulding's grand for perfect Saints

OBBY GOULDING started last night points to his credit and if took Saints only six version kicks that took him into four figures. He went on to give a dezzling individual display, scoring 24 points by converting 12 of the 14 tries that simply routed Wire.

The Test scrum-half was returning after a three-match refreshed he inspired Saints as they smoothly clinched their place in the final against either Wigan or Leeds with a decisive interval lead of 36-0. The Warrington pack had

been unlucky to lose the talented young Paul Sculthorpe and the experienced Kelly Shelford, both of whom failed late fitness tests. But equally Saints, who face an inquiry today into the weakened side they fielded on Boxing Day. were without three star players in Newlove, Sullivan, and Joynt. Not that anyone would

Warrington were 18-0 down before all the latecomers were through the turnstiles, a crip-pling if largely self-inflicted deficit. The teenager Danny Arnold raced away for Saints' first try when Goulding and Busby had combined sweetly in a cross-field move - after a forward pass had lost Wire

Possession.

Two more scores followed in short order. A little inside pass in front of the Warrington posts created a half-gap

for Perelini but that was enough for the Western Samoa forward. Goulding's second goal gave him his 1,000

Another Warrington blunder was punished when Jones lost the ball in his own half. Saints took the scrum, moved the ball inside and Northey streaked through a gap.

By the 17th minute Wire

were 24-0 down. Again their defence was found wanting and Busby, prompted yet again by Goulding, crossed from short range. To add to their woes, Wire

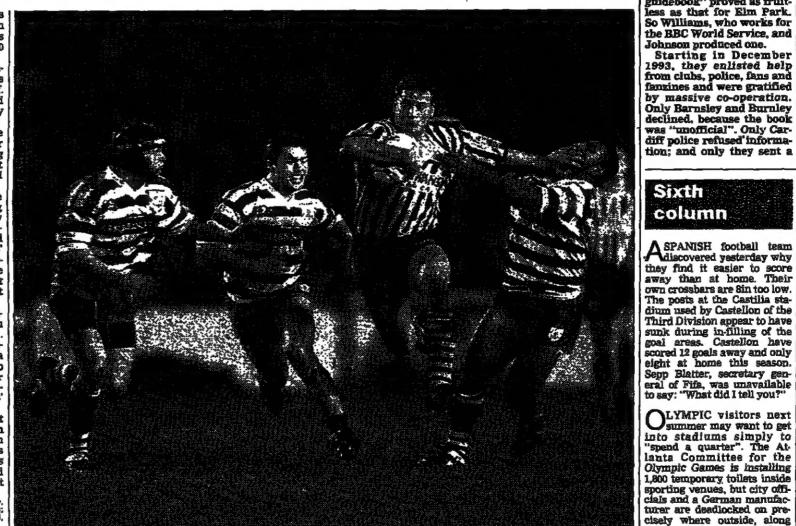
wasted three good scoring chances. Currier's lovely break was spoiled by a careless inside pass; Knott spilled the ball a yard from Saints' line; and Harris looked certain to score when he broke free but the stand-off was not quite quick enough to resist Prescott's cover tackle. Six minutes before the in-

how to finish clinically. Goulding mesmerised the de fence once more, missed out a man, and sent Booth, who was on for Fogarty, clear through the gap for Picka-vance to go over for Saints'

sixth try.

The second half began just as wretchedly for Wire, with Hammond going over within a minute. Northey got his second try three minutes later and then Arnold scored his second. From that point it was a regal massacre.

St Helens: Prescott Hayes, Northey, Gibbs, Arnoid: Hammond, Goulding: Fogerty, Cunningham, Perellai, Pickwance, Matauda, Busby, Warringtons Penny; Forster, Rudd. Carrier, Thompson; Harris, Ford; Jones, Hough, Hitton, Culten, Benned, Knott. Reference; R Smith (Castiniord).



#### **Motor Racing**

## Stewart fuelled by Ford's £50m

ME high-profile new partnership between Jackie Stewart's fledgling grand prix team and Ford for the 1997 season was offi-cially announced yesterday at the Detroit Motor Show.

Stewart Grand Prix, as the team will be titled, have a five-year agreement, believed to be worth £50 million, for the exclusive use of Ford's Formula One engines and will take over supplies of the three-litre Zetsc R V10s when Ford's current contract with the Swiss-based Sauber team expires at the end of this year. "This announcement will

put an end to speculation concerning Ford's commitment to F1," said Stewart. "Ford is committed to raising the level of its involvement in the sport, and that commitment will be for the long term."

Stewart's new operation will be based at new premises in Milton Keynes where his son's team, Paul Stewart Rac-ing, already has its headquarters. Stewart junior will be managing director of Stewart Grand Prix and the existing team will wind down its involvement in other single-seater categories at the end of the coming season to concentrate exclusively on F1.

sion from the staircase of tal-ent we've built at Paul Stew-art Racing in the junior for-mulae," said Jackie Stewart. the former triple world

"We're going into this with our eyes open and we don't expect in our first one or two seasons seriously to challenge the might of the established teams with all the experience and knowledge they have ac-cumulated." But he added that it made an "enormous difference" to start with a

partner such as Ford. The first Stewart-Ford [1] car is expected to be ready to test by autumn. As yet it is not known who will head the design team, but the British engineer Alan Jankins, currently with the Arrows team - also based at Milton Keynes — is being tipped for

debut still over a year away, no decisions have been taken about possible drivers, but several names spring to mind. David Coulthard, Jan Magnussen and Dario Franchitti have all graduated with hon-ours from the Stewart F3 academy and must be

regarded as possible targets.
It is believed Ford's alliIt is believed Ford's allimore integrated and committed than any of the company's pulled out earlier this week. previous F1 involvements.

Both cited an ankle injury. "This was a logical progres- previous F1 involvements.

#### Sport in brief

England Under-19, with two

angiand under-19, with two one-day wins already behind them, look like maintaining their 190 per cent record in the three-day match in Harare. They dismissed Zimbabwe Schools for 75 and reached 197 for five — Northamptonshire's David Sales making 74 and Nottingham-shire's Noel Gie 50 — to take a 122-run lead on the opening

Rugby League

A Boxing Day offence by Neil Cowie yesterday cost the Wigan prop a £200 fine and a one-match ban which rules him out of tomorrow's Regal Trophy semi-final against Leeds at Central Park. Better news for Wigan, the holders, is that their other Welsh prop Kelvin Skerrett is fit again after a foot injury.

Basketball

Kevin Cadle, whose London Towers team won all seven matches in December, has been named Budweiser Coach of the Month. Sheffield Sharks' England internathe top job.

With the team's grand prix tional forward Roger Huggins, who averaged 19 points a game, is Player of the Month.

Tennis

Sergi Bruguera of Spain, a former French Open champion, yesterday withdrew from the Australian Open. A former Wimbledon champion,

#### Results

Rugby League

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Widnes (15) 24, Selford (8) 22. Widnes Tries: John Doversox 2, McCorne, Wrig Goole: Tyrer 4, Selford: Tries: Edward McAvoy, Randall, Pogars, Geele Bisket

2-3, 5-4; Y of Agressed (Mor) bit T Enquest (Swo) 3-6, 6-5, 8-4.

AUSTRIALIAN MEM'S MARDCOURT CHAMPIONE-HIP (Adelside): Second rounds B Mend; (Sin) bit J Novak (C2) 6-1, 5-6, 5-2, H Mohn (Swe) at J Rendembrink (Sor) 7-5, 7-6.

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Rugby League STOMES CENTENARY, CHAMPTON-SPUP Shelleid v Bradford (7.05). Alliance: Second Division Hunslet v

Basketball

#### Squash

#### Banned Hill in a heap of trouble

ANTHONY HILL has been suspended again, and he has more trouble brewing. The world No. 8, who was fined for his part in the headbutting incident involving Mir Zaman Gul at the British Open 21 months ago, has been banned from the world circuit for three months and fined £11,400 by the Profes sional Squash Association (the players' union) after tangling with Jansher Khan dur-ing the World Open in Nico-

Hill was reported to the PSA for repeated physical contact with the world champion, resulting in his being fined £400. Because this carried his total of fines to more than £1,000 within a threeyear period the Australian was fined a mandatory extra £1,000 and suspended under the PSA's cumulative offence regulations.

This is the second suspension of Hill's turbulent career and more may be on the way. He has also been reported to the PSA for his behaviour in Qatar in November, and the World Squash Federation will sit in judgment in nine days' time on the series of controversial incidents involving Hill in the semi-finals of the world team championships in Cairo seven weeks ago, when Gul was again his opponent.

#### grounds they set out for. The reason for that is simple, too: Football Fan's Guide (Collins Willow, £8.99) by Janet Williams and Mark Johnson. Once weiting fore just factors and local radio wavelengths — everything to make the away fan feel

tailed directions by car (inc

parking), train, bus and foot but hints on what the

visiting fan may expect in and out of the 92 grounds in

Once visiting fans just joined a stream of local cloth caps, bubbling to the ground on a stride of relish. at home on the route and arrival, presented with old terrace humonr without Later, at a distance, they could follow the hooligan herd and its helmet escort. fanzine resort to puerility. Now, seated and sanitised, grounds are lost in middlebe valued. Compare the fancy survey, commissioned by the Premier League, that predictably produced the findings the class sophistication. The authors put them on the map with wit and detail. They are a couple of Cam-bridge United nuts, self-confessed and so helpless league would have wished

to propagate about fans. Of the elusive Elm Park it is written: "Visitors" neys to desperate places. The book was conceived in Toilets: Male: The stuff of Reading, but not at Elm Park: the fans could not legends, ie truly diabolical. find it. They were Hudders-field fans; Williams was "briefly in lerv with one," she confesses, "and Cam-Now they're truly diabolical with a roof — though, as one Notts County fan bridge were playing on the Sunday at Blackpool". The quite reach it." But "the hotdog sausages are so large they border on the erotic. really accurate, detailed Norwich's "tea (50p) should have been registered as a leguidebook" proved as fruit-less as that for Elm Park. thal weapon and confiscated by the stewards"

So Williams, who works for the BBC World Service, and Sporting fans have a way of greeting what they want with a protracted "Yes" of ecstasy: the putt as it drops, Johnson produced one. Starting in December 1993, they enlisted help from clubs, police, fans and fanxines and were gratified by massive co-operation. net as it bulges. Tested on a Luton nut, the book elicited Only Barnsley and Burnley just such a "Yes". She had declined, because the book was "unofficial". Only Carfound recommendation of a fish-and-chip shop. Luton fans have to keep their diff police refused informa-

#### Sixth column

away than at home. Their own crossbars are 8in too low. dium used by Castellon of the Third Division appear to have sunk during in-filling of the goal areas. Castellon have scored 12 goals away and only eight at home this season. Sepp Blatter, secretary gen-eral of Fifa, was unavailable to say: "What did I tell you?"

that they know long jour-

subsequent search for

OLYMPIC visitors next summer may want to get into stadiums simply to "spend a quarter". The At-lanta Committee for the 1,800 temporary toilets inside sporting venues, but city offi-cials and a German manufac-turer are deadlocked on precisely where outside, along popular pedestrian corridors, to put 10 public privies. Five more are planned after the Games for the city's homeless. After more than a year in dispute legs are crossed.

KIRSAN ILYUMZHINOV, whose eccentricity was recognised last week as appropriate to his new post as president of Fide, the Interna-tional Chess Federation, may have met his match already. Last month he flew to meet the American Bobby Fischer at his home in Budapest. Fischer won the world title from Spassky in 1973, did not

push a pawn in anger for 20 years, then emerged for a \$3 million rematch in Serbia. He got Ilyumzhinov's promise to pay \$100,000 back-royalties he claimed from Kasparov and Karpov as representatives of the defunct Soviet Chess Fed-eration which, he alleges, pi-rated his book My 60 Memorable Games. Ilyumzhinov also gave Fischer land to build a house in Kalmykia alongside the Pope's monastery and Saddam Hussein's mosque, .

to "reconsider his position with Fide", whose world title he renounced in 1975. He also insisted that Fide adopt his rules: matches decided by



Reeve ... effortless?

shuffle chess, where the pieces are arranged randomly game; a timeless test for the world title, with the winner A SPANISH football team not counting; and, if it reaches 9-9, Fischer keeps they find it easier to score "his" title. Shuffle diplomacy may be called for.

> NEW, high-visibility balls are being used on the Australian tennis circuit. They are particularly favoured under artificial lighting. The maker Slazenger says the "slightly different dve colour marginally reflects more fluorescent light than the standard optic yellow'.
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> The ball also reflects the
> alarm of the International
> Tennis Federation at the declining interest in the game on television. Humans who appear to care, instead of robots who have no special reason to, might also help.

> tity to gain more college eligibility. It is chasing Ron Weaver for the cost of his scholarship, which it thought Having exhausted his eligi-bility at Sacramento State, Weaver used the Social Secu-rity number of Joel McKelvey, a 22-year-old from Sali-nas, California, to change his

HE University of Texas

identity and keep playing. He enrolled as Joel Ron McKelvey, a freshman, at Los Angeles' Pierce Community College and played for two years before transferring to Texas. Weaver evidently read Kipling in a mirror — an impos-tor treating the two colleges just the same. He was rumbled at the second by The Californian, a Salinas newspaper. Weaver, a back-up cornerback, quit the

Longhorns in New Orleans on Sunday as they prepared for the Sugar Bowl game against Virginia Tech. The paper said he adopted the disguise to college football. paper on which he wrote a

column predicting defeat for South Africa in the Test series. A framed copy of it was taken round the changing rooms to motivate the team. Yesterday, in front of TV cameras, Bannister tore up and ate the page carrying the headline 'Til eat my words". He washed it down with wine.

Desmond Hackett, celebrated sports writer for the Daily Express, would have taken his hat off to him, had he not eaten it (a brown bowler) several times over in similar circumstances. He lived to be 79. So much for hat poisoning.

WARWICKSHIRE have been celebrating Dermot Reeve's OBE. The word in the dressing room is that it is for Other Buggers' Efforts.

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Cobner confirmed as Wales supremo, page 14 Stewart unveils Formula One plans, page 15

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#### SOUTH AFRICA TRIUMPH BUT CAPTAIN IS FINED FOR REPLAY DISSENT

# England's dismal roll-over shake Spurs

Mike Selvey in Cape Town sees a TV row but little fight

N THE end South Africa won at a canter in the afternoon Cape sun. Asked to make only 67 to win after tea, Andrew Hudson (27) and Gary Kirsten (41) made such merry way at another packed Newlands that it was all over in less than 16 overs. The winning boundary, hit by Kirsten off Graeme Hick, sparked a ca-cophony of celebration.

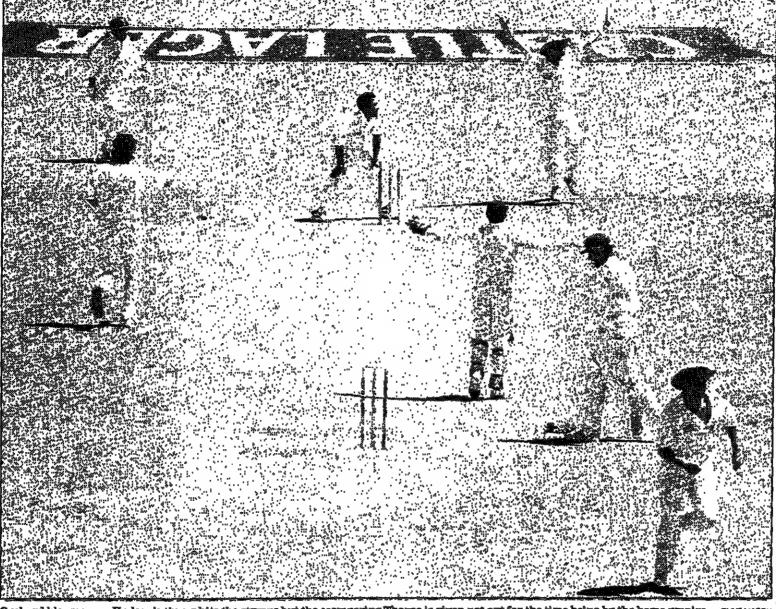
This win by 10 wickets came after a spirited England fightback, with a fifth-wicket partnership of 72 from Graham Thorpe and Hick taking the tourists into credit. It even threatened to make batting life hard for South Africa on the left-arm spinner Paul Adams, which included two huge straight sixes in a row.

But then Hick fell leg-before to one that kept low from Shaun Pollock, who produced an inspired spell of fast bowl-ing. It gave Pollock the best figures of his brief Test career, five for 32, and South Africa the series: the last six England wickets fell for only 19 runs, the final four in the space of 10 balls, as the tourists were dismissed for 157. It was as if the fight had drained

But, in line with beer-match tradition, they have agreed to play a one-day game against row, as much to give practice to the many other England players here as anything else. The Western Province spokes man insisted that the tourists were doing so out of the good-ness of their hearts; Raymond Illingworth insisted they were doing it for £5,000. Someone is in for a shock.

So a series that for four matches had plodded along like a coalman's horse finished in a tumble of wickets and a controversy over the dismissal of Thorpe.

The left-hander, in his first significant innings of the series, had reached 59 when he played a delivery from the left-arm spinner Paul Adams off his hips to short fine leg and was called for a run by Mike Watkinson. Thorpe was late setting off, and the sharp Hudson made a direct hit on the stumps at the bowler's



Orchard bloomer . . . Hudson's throw hits the stumps but the scampering Thorpe is given not out for the time being by the home umpire - CLASE MASON

case for the third umpire and his video replay but Dave Ortrusted his own judgment and

ruled in Thorpe's favour. What followed was unedifying quite contrary to the reg-ulations under which Test matches are now played, and a further example of how the television tail is wagging the

The broadcaster's response to the incident was to replay it instantly, which meant it was seen in the many hospiend with Thorpe struggling to | tality boxes and bars around the ground. The denizens saw

dry, Thorpe was out by at least a foot. A roar went up. alerting the fielding side, and the South Africa captain Han-

sie Cronje immediately spoki to Thorpe and Orchard. Orchard, correctly, took the view that he had made a decision and that was it, right or wrong — and indeed he had committed a double error, by not using the technology on a close line-call and then by making a botch of the decision. Instead of laving down the law to Cronje, however, he was persuaded to consult Steve Randell, the Australian

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course showed Thorpe to be out. Orchard then reversed his original decision. That Orchard made a huge

initial error of judgment was obvious. Umpires of course do nake botches of decisions, ye it remains axiomatic that their word is final. But it goes further at this level, for the International Cricket Council regulations for Test matches. agreed last October, state unequivocally not only that players must not appeal to the umpire to make use of the replay but that to do so constiutes dissent.

In this case, Cronje and others in his side not only implored Orchard to think again but in effect coerced an umpire into reversing a decision. other than exercise his right

It appeared to be a clear that far from being home and official. As a result of that be Raymond Illingworth said he to change his mind without ase for the third umpire and dry. Thorpe was out by at called for the replay, which of felt the right decision had encouragement from a third le but that the way it came left much to be desired.

"It was made by the crowd in the President's Box," said the chairman of England selectors. "and you can't have that. Maybe there should be a rule that television cannot show a replay until after the next ball had been bowled. If the umpire has said not out twice, as Orchard did, then the next ball should have been bowled."

The match referee Clive Lloyd saw it differently, how-ever, and although he fined Cronje half his match fee for obvious dissent he also went out of his way to exonerate Orchard from accusations that he had done anything encouragement from a third party. Complete rubbish. Earlier Alec Stewart, flat-

footed once more and playing away from his body, was caught at first slip off Pollock. Robin Smith, who added 44 bristling runs with Thorpe, was caught by another poor Orchard decision after pushing forward to Adams, bat behind pad, the ball deflecting from his front pad and past his glove to the wicketkeeper.

The end came when Peter Martin hooked Pollock to long leg where Adams — inevitably — made a steenline - made a steepling catch look easy. Adams has taken to Test cricket like a Boer to biltong.

Matthew Engel and full

# Where bulls



**7**077 fear for its future but, as long as it remains, the third round of the FA Cup is a truly, madly, deeply magical phenomenon. The silk-ruffed dandified holty-toity swagge in, to be met by a handful of the hoi polloi looking to ambush them at the barricades.

Some acruffy anarchists have made their names from this tradition of New Year banditry: the likes of Peter-borough, Yeovil, Sutton, Here ford. Just as readily, some toff teams seem more susceptible than others to being slain. None more than the two north London swanks.

Rheumy old men at Arsenal for instance, still wince when you say "Walsall 1933", and their sons and grandsons do the same at mention of Bradford Park Avenue (1948) or

Northampton 10 years later. The haughty Hotspurs from Tottenham, too, are famously liable, and their traditional third-round vulnerability was never put better to me than by that stalwart former Port Vale player and manager Roy proson seven Januaries ago, the day before Terry Venables brought his side to the

"It will be such a culture shock for them, especially if the weather's raw," he said. "Out of their thick-pile carpets and centrally heated stockbroker houses and then their their international caps and snazzy blazers and Italian shoes they'll have to head straight into our barn-like. concrete-floored visitors' dressing room with its cold-white tiles, no coathangers, only a couple of worky benches to sit on, and just one communal bath-tub. Our draughts can chill the mar-

row. And they only get a lukewarm cup of tea at half-time. Inevitably Venables and his snazzy biszers teeth-chatteringly slunk away, well beaten.

OMORROW Tottenham go to Hereford United, particularly famous filchers of this legend. The visitors' dressing room will be just as spartan, for the quaint little ground alongside the cattle market has suffered two bad fires this winter. The weather forecast promises gales and driving

Immediately before the kick-off a real live one-ton specimen of United's emblem will parade the touchline perimeter: the Hereford breed's national supreme champion, Free Town Kudos. It will probably be the nearest any Tottenham superstar has ever been to real-life rural Middle

I suppose this hidden and un-soccery rustic remoteness contributes to United's romance, but their regular slaying of football dragons has been dramatic all right. When they were still in the Southern eague, United ambushed such comparative League strutters as Scunthorpe, Exeter, Aldershot, Millwall and, by 6–1 in 1958, Queen's Park Rangers. Most cele-brated of all, they beat New-castle United 2–1 in 1972.

The season after that rainwept glory in the tea-time gloaming of Edgar Street's slurp and slosh, United won admission to the League and a year later in the third round courageously drew with Bobby Moore's West Ham at

Upton Park.
It was the winter of Prime
Minister Ted Heath's threeday week, and no floodlit evening games were allowed. For the midweek afternoon replay at Edgar Street, the touchlines of the dinky ground were ringed with church pews and chairs as 17,423 packed the rafters (only 8,800 will be

HAD left the Hereford Times reporters' room some 15 years by then, being seen off on my travels with a farewell party of epic amnesia at the plush and lush mahogany-doored Green Dragon Hotel where (by all accounts) I had misbehaved at the last by yawning colourfully over the carpet of the cocktail bar.

The morning of the 1974 replay against West Ham, which I was to cover for these pages, I took the early train from Paddington to buy my-self a slap-up pre-match lunch at the old place. The prodigal son returns. It was the first time I'd been back.

No sconer had the waitress brought to my table the pre-tentious great leather bound menu to peruse than, through the kitchen's swing-door and across the cavernous, carpeted salle-a-manger, dashed the same black-tied head waiter I remembered from boyhood. "Not him, Miriam, not him," he snarled as he snatched back the menu. 'He's barred for life."

I had to grab a burger outside the ground. Real beef,

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#### 'It was a fair cop,' says Cronje as match referee fines him £550

HANSIE CRONJE last night accepted that the match referee Clive Lloyd was right to fine him 3,000 rand (£550) for remonstrating with the umpire Dave Orchard over the Graham Thorpe run-out.
"I deserved to be fined,

and accept the fact that I was wrong," said South Africa's captain. Lloyd said afterwards

that Orchard had not been influenced by Cronje's im-passioned plea for a replay or by some 20,000 home fans screaming for Thorpe But Thorpe said: "Once a

decision is made you should not be allowed to go back on it. It looked like they were going to bowl the next ball but the roar of the crowd changed the umpire's mind.

"Orchard asked me if I minded if he called for a replay, and I said, 'No: you have made your decision'. He said, 'Okay, let's play on' - but then Cronje came over and had a go about using the technology. The rest is history."

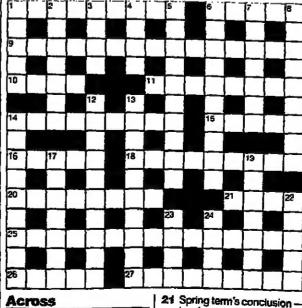


TV or not TV . . . Cronje, Thorpe and McMillan discus-

The passions that feed into Rab C Nesbitt - the fizzed up Special Brew of class language and nationality - makes the show more than an excuse to laugh

#### **Guardian Crossword No 20,541**

Set by Orlando



Across

1 Horse has endless opportunity to go around coach (9)

6 Become less obstructed above (3,2) 9 Informed when given a

movie role (3,2,3,7) 10 Hasty eruption (4)

11 Moralise, finding the ice is broken (8) 14 Anaesthetic confined to

backward prince (9) 15 Proficient in arithmetic beginning with short division (5)

16 Cake decoration is a winter phenomenon (5) 18 Imitable about one day's evidence (9)

20 Ring our number when copper goes in for some

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,540 8 "Capricious --- try spleen" (Anon) (9) 12 Ample garment for athlete

... (4,6) 13 ... athlete fired by club (4-6) 14 Girl, after the middle of

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work to models (7) 22 A month to live, perhaps (5) 23 Major artist in baby-

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workman (7)

a river (4)

Down

25 Writer's employed to create

26 Snake with a dark head and

27 Tell what one remembers

about crimes in east? (9)

1 Put the queen in the team

3 Ariver? On the contrary, it's

4 Pain reaches inner part (4)

6 Police left by Poe to play in

a police department and

find milk product (6,4)

5 Turn to account (to TO

ACCOUNT) (10)

2 Sinatra cast as a skilled

fictional detective (4,5,6)